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## THE COMMERCIAL FATTENING OF POULTRY.

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### INTRODUCTION.

The fattening experiments described in Bureau of Animal Industry Bulletin 140, entitled "Fattening Poultry," are continued in this bulletin, which represents the results of two more years' work covering the feeding seasons of 1911 and 1912. The methods and equipment at the four feeding stations are the same as described in the former bulletin, except for slight changes in equipment which are noted in this publication. The present experiments cover wider conditions and include larger numbers of birds than the previous work, and so permit of much better comparisons being made. The rations were varied at some of the stations, thus giving good comparisons of the value of different feeds under the same conditions; while the differences in equipment, methods, and rations at the various stations allow comparisons of results secured in several different ways.

The extent of the experiments, the numbers of birds included in each test, and the opportunity for comparison with the previous season's work eliminate largely the possibility of error that is liable to occur in dealing with small numbers, which give very variable results in fattening tests. The danger of deriving wrong conclusions by not properly allowing for the influencing conditions is also reduced to a minimum.

### THE FEEDING EXPERIMENTS.

A full description of the four stations where the feeding was carried on will be found in Bulletin 140, before mentioned, as well as a number of other details concerning the equipment and methods of fattening in the large poultry packing houses of the Middle West which are not included in the present paper, as it is considered unnecessary to repeat them here.

The work of 1911 and 1912, herein described, is composed of four experiments, designated A, B, C, and D. These are summarized and

discussed in the following pages, and the complete details of each are recorded in Tables I to IV of the appendix at the end of the paper. The main object of the summary tables is to show the results according to length of feeding period, which varied from 6 to 21 days in Experiments A and D, from 9 to 18 days in Experiment B, and from 7 to 16 days in Experiment C. All the various kinds of birds are necessarily mixed together in showing these results, but the averages for two of the main classes—broilers and roasters—are shown separately, irrespective of length of feeding period, at the bottom of each table.

The actual cost of producing the gains in each case is given under each experiment, and as the price of grain and milk varied somewhat in the different localities, the relative amount of feed required to produce a pound of gain is used in comparing the efficiency of the rations and the methods at the different stations rather than the cost of the gains, except where different feeds are used.

#### PRICES OF THE FEED USED.

Before describing the feeding operations, the following list of average prices of the grain and buttermilk used is given:

TABLE 1.—Average prices of grain and buttermilk used in the feeding experiments.

Year.	Feed.	Experiment A.	Experiment B.	Experiment C.	Experiment D.
1911	Corn meal, per 100 pounds.....	\$1.38	\$1.32	\$1.45	\$1.35
1912	do.....	1.48	1.39	1.69	1.74
1911	Low-grade wheat flour, per 100 pounds.....	1.42	1.30	1.35	1.30
1912	do.....	1.50	1.38	1.45	1.52
1911	Oat flour, per 100 pounds.....		2.25		
1912	do.....		1.50		
1911	Shorts, per 100 pounds.....	1.25	1.30	1.28	1.30
1912	do.....	1.20	1.18	1.27	1.20
1911	Linseed meal, per 100 pounds.....			2.50	2.50
1911	Tallow, per 100 pounds.....		7.00		
1912	do.....		8.00		
1911	Buttermilk, per gallon.....		.02	.01	
1912	do.....		.02	.01	
1911	Condensed buttermilk, per gallon.....	.08		.08	.08
1912	do.....	.06			.08
1912	Graham flour, per 100 pounds.....				1.50
1912	Bone, per 100 pounds.....				3.25
1912	Meat, per 100 pounds.....	2.00		2.50	

#### EXPERIMENT A, 1911.

Most of the lots in this experiment at Station 3 were fed for a short time only during the first part of the feeding season, due to the lack of suitable equipment and space for fattening. The station was overcrowded twice during the season, which lowered the gains and increased the cost in both instances. The low, tin roof made the building too hot during warm weather, and produced a thick condensation of moisture on the inside of the roof in cool weather, when the building was partially closed. The gains, except for these two crowded periods, were fairly consistent throughout the season and

compare favorably with the results at the other stations. The cheapest gains were made on short-fed lots, but many of the lots could have been fed longer with profit if conditions had been good for fattening.

## FEED.

A ration made up of equal parts, by weight, of corn meal and low-grade wheat flour was fed from the commencement of the season, July 23, until August 11, when shorts were added, making equal parts of corn meal, flour, and shorts up to September 7, at which time the ration was changed to 3 parts corn meal and 2 parts flour, which was fed to the end of the season. All of these rations were mixed with condensed buttermilk, diluted with one part of water, making a thick feed. It may here be stated that whenever "parts" are mentioned in connection with a ration, it means parts by weight, and "flour" always means low-grade wheat flour.

Each of the above rations produced good results, and no apparent change in gains occurred which could be attributed to the feed when the ration was changed. The heat at this station was at times very intense, which may have made the ration containing shorts preferable to the regular ration of 3 parts of corn meal and 2 parts of flour, but the results compared with those at Station 2 (Experiment D) do not indicate that there was any advantage in adding a large proportion of shorts to this feed, provided thick condensed buttermilk was used. Later in the season good results were secured on a ration of 3 parts of corn meal and 2 parts of low-grade flour without any shorts.

In this experiment the average cost of producing flesh was greater with broilers than with roasters, which was due to the unfavorable conditions in the house, particularly to the extreme heat in the first part of the season and to overcrowding later.

TABLE 2.—*Summary of Experiment A, 1911, Station 3, arranged according to length of feeding period.*

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
2,096	6	3.04	18.0	8.0	12.4	4.64	2.17	3.31
13,587	7	3.12	16.0	9.0	12.6	4.72	2.70	3.47
6,063	8	2.71	19.0	10.0	11.8	4.90	2.75	3.61
12,925	9	2.38	30.0	14.0	19.3	4.55	2.29	3.20
11,160	10	2.23	27.0	10.0	21.0	5.66	2.91	3.49
7,030	11	1.86	33.0	20.0	24.5	4.14	2.67	3.71
3,040	12	2.39	19.0	17.0	17.8	5.22	4.77	4.91
1,280	13	2.15	26.0	21.0	23.5	4.75	3.61	4.18
1,372	14	1.58	45.0	25.0	33.2	6.64	3.64	5.20
610	16	1.62	43.0	31.0	37.3	5.53	4.62	5.05
501	15	1.7	-----	-----	41.0	-----	-----	3.93
480	17	1.5	-----	-----	40.0	-----	-----	5.17
60,144	.....	2.47	-----	-----	18.6	-----	-----	3.62
10,153 broilers	.....	1.58	-----	-----	26.9	-----	-----	3.91
22,256 roasters	.....	3.15	-----	-----	13.5	-----	-----	3.56

TABLE 2.—*Summary of Experiment A, 1911, Section 3, arranged according to length of feeding period—Continued.*

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
2,096	10.96	3.82	7.38	1.72	0.77	1.18	12.68	4.59	8.56
13,587	10.93	6.24	7.99	1.53	.82	1.13	12.46	7.23	9.12
6,063	11.23	5.40	8.19	2.18	.91	1.41	12.73	6.46	9.60
12,925	9.29	5.49	7.00	2.60	.77	1.29	11.23	6.27	8.29
11,160	15.01	5.66	7.31	3.65	1.02	1.46	16.66	6.76	8.77
7,030	8.15	5.68	7.41	2.01	1.10	1.44	10.16	6.78	8.85
3,040	9.45	8.70	9.02	1.62	1.49	1.56	11.07	10.19	10.58
1,280	8.83	7.14	7.99	1.60	1.39	1.49	10.43	8.53	9.49
1,372	15.50	8.48	12.17	2.11	1.33	1.71	17.61	9.81	13.88
610	12.87	12.40	12.65	1.84	1.63	1.73	14.71	14.03	14.38
501	.....	.....	8.66	.....	.....	1.38	.....	.....	10.04
480	.....	.....	12.13	.....	.....	1.80	.....	.....	13.93
60,144	.....	.....	7.83	.....	.....	1.35	.....	.....	9.18
10,153 broilers.....	.....	.....	8.42	.....	.....	1.52	.....	.....	9.94
22,256 roasters.....	.....	.....	8.34	.....	.....	1.19	.....	.....	9.53

## EXPERIMENT A, 1912.

The ration at Station 3 in 1912 was 3 parts of corn meal and 2 parts of low-grade wheat flour throughout the season, with 25 per cent of shorts added from August 21 to September 8 and with about 6 per cent of mixed feed added during September and November. The shorts and mixed feed gave fair results in warm weather, but no advantage was found when feeding them in cool weather. The specially prepared mixed feeds used in September cost \$2.70 per 100 pounds and were too expensive, but a mixed feed used later in the season cost only \$1.60 per 100 pounds, which compares favorably in price with the other feeds. However, it would probably be advisable to substitute shorts for mixed feeds, as the latter are more apt to be adulterated. Lot 2 was fed 10 per cent of meat in addition to the regular ration, while lot 45 was fed a specially prepared mixture to note the effect of these feeds on feather picking, but no consistent results were obtained in these experiments. This subject is discussed in detail under the heading "Feather picking."

Condensed buttermilk, diluted with water and mixed with grain—13.5 gallons to 100 pounds—was fed throughout the season. This proportion of condensed buttermilk, while increasing the cost of the feeding, gave profitable results, as the general conditions at this station were not conducive to good results in fattening. The proportion of condensed milk to grain was double that used in Experiment C. The broilers and roasters were separated at this station and fed for different lengths of time. The results secured during November were very poor, there being an increased cost of gain compared with 1911.

TABLE 3.—*Summary of Experiment A, 1912, Station 3, arranged according to length of feeding period.*

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
748	6	3.60			6.0			5.40
5,456	7	3.13	17.0	4.0	11.6	10.53	2.98	4.88
5,640	8	3.14	16.0	5.0	7.70	8.35	3.44	6.85
22,656	9	2.59	23.0	5.0	14.4	9.04	2.84	5.22
18,240	10	2.48	28.0	8.0	18.7	6.67	2.65	3.92
18,480	11	2.26	41.0	6.0	20.4	9.96	2.75	3.87
10,880	12	1.99	40.0	13.0	26.0	4.02	3.11	3.51
4,160	13	1.89	31.0	21.0	26.9	4.46	2.75	3.49
3,200	14	1.88	37.0	30.0	33.6	4.69	2.98	3.64
288	15	1.63			3.0			5.07
321	21	2.26			35.0			4.27
90,069	.....	2.44			18.6			4.42
10,852 broilers.....		1.69			25.7			3.80
23,490 roasters.....		3.24			9.2			6.83

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
748			9.60			1.91			11.51
5,456	19.35	5.42	9.13	4.02	1.06	1.79	23.37	6.55	10.92
5,640	15.77	6.63	12.87	3.11	1.15	2.44	18.88	7.78	15.31
22,656	17.46	5.48	9.81	3.43	.95	1.82	20.89	6.40	11.63
18,240	12.94	5.09	7.67	2.13	.84	1.31	15.07	6.11	8.98
18,480	19.29	5.56	8.78	3.78	.92	1.70	23.07	6.48	10.48
10,880	8.14	6.39	7.01	1.70	1.11	1.43	9.67	7.55	8.44
4,160	8.84	5.67	6.93	1.59	1.17	1.43	10.37	6.84	8.36
3,200	9.01	6.06	7.22	1.52	1.09	1.27	10.53	7.30	8.49
288			9.37			1.82			11.19
321			8.51			1.39			9.90
90,069	.....		8.74	.....		1.63	.....		10.37
10,852 broilers.....			7.37			1.60			8.97
23,490 roasters.....			12.85			2.42			15.27

## EXPERIMENT B, 1911.

The total number of chickens fed in this experiment at Station 1 was 102,684, the birds being divided into 113 lots, most of which were on feed from 12 to 16 days. The results secured were very satisfactory, the lots doing especially well until the month of October, when there was a marked falling off in gains. The feeding period was about 14 days until the gains fell off, when the period was shortened because the 14-day feeding was unprofitable, while the birds made as high or higher gains during a shorter feeding period. The "roasters" and "broilers" were not separated at this station, and all of the lots were classed as "springs" except a few in July when the average weight of the birds was under 1.8 pounds.

The equipment, management, and method of feeding at Station 1 are described in Bulletin 140. The ration was varied during the summer season in the following way:

#### FEED.

Lots 1 to 13 received a ration averaging 1 part shorts, 2 of low-grade flour, and 2.5 corn meal, but these proportions were varied somewhat. Lots 1 to 3 did not receive any tallow. In all the rest of the lots 6 per cent of the dry feed was tallow, although lots 4 to 17 did not receive tallow during their entire feeding period. The feed for all the lots was mixed in one tank at the same time.

Tallow increased the cost of gains considerably, but did not increase the gains in proportion to the extra cost. The tallow apparently increases the gains slightly and makes the fat appear more distinctly on the birds. Many buyers judge the condition of the birds partly by the prominence of this fat, so that it may be wise to feed a small proportion of tallow in some cases. Tallow was not fed at any of the other stations included in these records. These other companies had built up a reputation for such good poultry that they were able to sell their products as high, if not higher, than those produced by the company using tallow. On the whole there does not appear to be any advantage in feeding tallow at present prices except as it affects the appearance and the sale of the product, which depends both on the market and the reputation of the producer.

#### OAT FLOUR.

Lots 14 to 30 received 1 part of shorts, 1 of low-grade flour, and 1.5 parts of corn meal, with 6 per cent tallow. Lots 30 to 43 received equal parts of oat flour, low-grade wheat flour, and corn meal, which proved to be a very efficient ration, producing gains with slightly less feed but at a higher cost, because of the difference between the price of oats and of low-grade flour or shorts. Oats are one of the best fattening feeds and produce very good gains, but they do not equal low-grade wheat flour at the present price of grains. Oats which were ground and reground without removing the hulls were tried on a small scale toward the end of the feeding season with satisfactory results. Both hens and large chickens ate oats thus prepared without any ill effects, and made gains. It is possible that the hulls might injure young, tender chickens, but this can only be proved by feeding. If a feeder can procure reground oats containing hulls at a price not much greater than that of low-grade wheat flour they are one of the best feeds, as they produce a good quality of flesh and can be used efficiently in fattening poultry. A ration composed of one-fourth oats, one-fourth low-grade flour, and one-half corn meal would give very good results during the first part of the feeding season, and the proportion of corn meal could be gradually increased later in the season during cool or cold weather.



## BEEF SCRAP.

Lots 44 to 70 received 1 part of shorts, 2 of low-grade flour, and 3.5 of corn meal, with 6 per cent of tallow. Lots 71 to 100 received 1 part of shorts, 3 of low-grade flour, and 10 of corn meal, with 6 per cent of tallow. Lots 101 to 113 received 1 part of shorts, 1 of low-grade flour, and 2 of corn meal, with 6 per cent of tallow. Lots 92, 94, and 95 received two-thirds of a pound of good quality dried meat scraps per 100 head, which amount of meat did not seem to affect either the gain or the cost of gain. The birds ate the feed well, but not any better than the lots which did not receive beef scrap.

There does not appear to be any advantage in adding beef scrap to the regular ration if it contains plenty of milk. Beef scrap would probably be economical in a ration without milk, or where only a small amount of milk was available. Fresh meat was added to the fattening rations at several other packing houses in this State. In these cases the poultry houses were a part of a meat-packing establishment, so that a supply of the best quality of meat was regularly available for feeding. Very good results were secured in feeding this meat in a ration containing 60 per cent of steel-cut oats, 40 per cent of corn meal, with about 7 per cent of tallow added.

TABLE 4.—Summary of Experiment B, 1911, Station 1, arranged according to length of feeding period.

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
1,350	10	3.50	.....	.....	9.0	.....	.....	4.63
1,800	11	3.40	17.0	7.0	12.0	6.86	2.83	4.85
10,884	12	3.10	31.0	9.0	17.7	5.67	2.40	3.71
17,100	13	2.69	48.0	8.0	24.9	6.72	2.01	3.18
43,200	14	2.60	49.0	9.0	26.2	8.23	2.12	3.28
14,850	15	2.48	41.0	11.0	28.8	6.03	2.40	3.23
9,900	16	2.04	48.0	25.0	33.3	4.18	2.57	3.17
3,600	17	1.75	47.0	33.0	37.5	3.55	2.93	3.29
102,684	.....	2.56	.....	.....	26.0	.....	.....	3.33
4,500 broilers.....	.....	1.62	.....	.....	42.8	.....	.....	2.79

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
1,350	.....	.....	9.31	.....	.....	3.03	.....	.....	12.34
1,800	15.94	6.61	11.28	5.34	1.98	3.66	21.28	8.59	14.94
10,884	13.45	5.70	8.59	3.70	1.36	2.32	17.15	7.07	10.91
17,100	14.70	4.75	7.30	4.71	1.28	2.11	19.41	6.03	9.41
43,200	18.00	4.38	6.99	4.00	1.09	1.85	22.00	5.81	8.84
14,850	13.47	5.51	6.59	4.04	1.37	2.40	17.51	6.88	8.99
9,900	8.28	4.75	6.35	2.69	1.39	1.88	10.97	6.14	8.23
3,600	6.60	5.38	6.01	1.97	1.58	1.80	8.56	6.96	7.81
102,684	.....	.....	7.20	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	9.20
4,500 broilers.....	.....	.....	5.09	.....	.....	1.58	.....	.....	6.67

A study of Table 4 shows that the cost of gains increased as the season advanced, due both to the increased size of the birds and to less favorable weather conditions for fattening. The greatest and cheapest gains were made on small birds during the summer and early fall. Very hot weather increased the cost of gains slightly, while cold, cloudy, changeable weather in the fall raised the cost materially. Except for a few minor fluctuations, due to extremely hot weather, the cost of gains was comparatively steady during July, August, and September, after which time it increased quite rapidly. Broilers made the highest, cheapest gains. One lot of roasters (lot 82) which weighed 5 pounds to the bird gained only 9 per cent, while the total cost of a pound of gain was 11.97 cents. The average gain of the broilers was 42.8 per cent, and the average cost of gain 6.67 cents a pound. The lots containing the greatest per cent of light-weight chickens made the cheapest gains, while the average cost of gains varied inversely with the average weight of the lots.

The gain per 100 head in fattening may be shown in two ways—by the per cent of gain or by the gain in actual weight. The per cent of gain throughout the feeding season varies inversely with the average weight of the lots, so that a gain of 30 per cent on a lot averaging 1.5 pounds per head is no greater in actual pounds than a gain of 15 per cent on a lot of the same number of birds weighing 3 pounds per head. The total gain per 100 head is more constant throughout the feeding season, and on that account this method of recording gains, is preferred by some companies, as the average weight of the birds does not have to be known when comparing the gains at different periods.

#### EXPERIMENT B, 1912.

The ration by months in 1912 at Station 1 was as follows: August, 1 part of shorts, 2 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 4 parts of corn meal, and 5 per cent of tallow, mixed with 72.5 per cent of buttermilk; September, 1 part of shorts, 2.5 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 4.5 parts of corn meal, and 5 per cent of tallow, mixed with 68 per cent of buttermilk; October and November, 1 part of shorts, 4 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 5 parts of corn meal, and 5 per cent of tallow, with 63 per cent of buttermilk. In general the proportion of shorts to low-grade wheat flour decreased, while the proportion of low-grade wheat flour to corn meal increased as the season progressed. This ration is quite similar to the one used during part of the season of 1911 at this station, and also to the one used in Experiment C at Station 4, except that it contains 5 per cent of tallow, which was not fed at Station 4. A much larger per cent of buttermilk was used in mixing the ration at this station than at Station 4 during the warm weather. This larger per cent of buttermilk appears to be especially advantageous in warm weather. A small amount of oatmeal, which was infested with

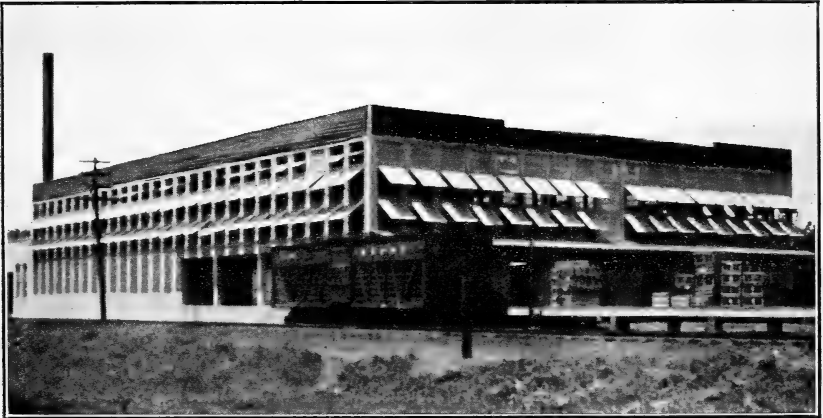


FIG. 1.—FEEDING STATION NO. 4, A WELL-EQUIPPED PLANT.

Note complete ventilation, easily controlled.

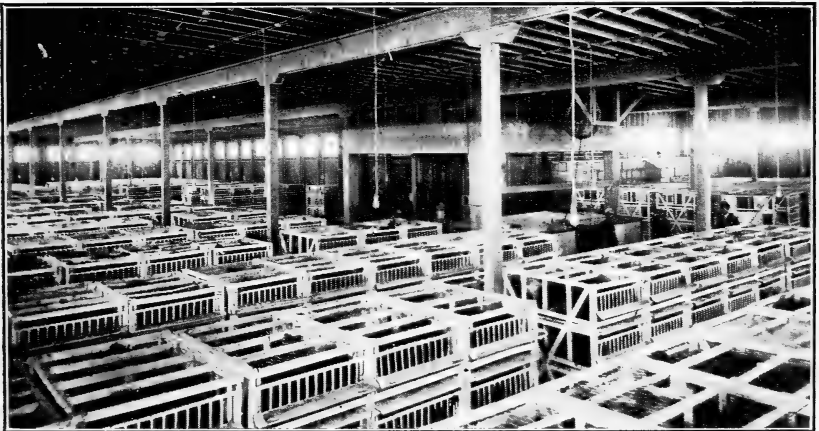


FIG. 2.—INTERIOR OF STATION NO. 4, SHOWING GENERAL ARRANGEMENT, FEED MIXERS, AND ELEVATOR

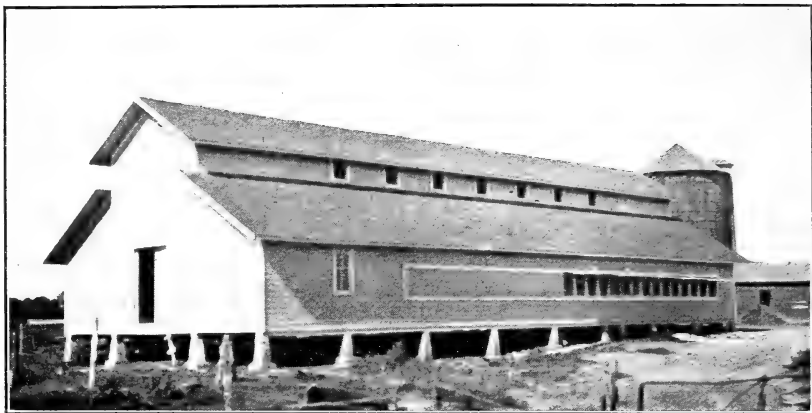


FIG. 1.—A SMALL FATTENING STATION WITH FEED ROOM IN THE REAR.



FIG. 2.—STATIONARY FEEDING BATTERY USED IN FEEDING STATION NO. 1.

weevils, was bought at \$1.50 per 100 pounds, and fed with good results to four lots in this experiment. • Oatmeal gives slightly greater gains than low-grade wheat flour, but does not produce as economical gains at the present relative market prices of these two grains.

The broilers and roasters were not separated at this station, but the average cost of gain at this station would undoubtedly have been reduced after the middle of October if the lots had been fed for a shorter period. The longer feeding at that time of the year produced a better quality of flesh, but at a rather excessive cost compared with the cost earlier in the season on smaller chickens. No cripples or birds off feed were removed from the lots during this year, as has been the custom in previous seasons. The results for the season were very satisfactory.

TABLE 5.—*Summary of Experiment B, 1912, Station 1, arranged according to length of feeding period.*

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		Pounds.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
900	9	3.60			7.0			5.74
5,400	10	2.73	28.0	4.0	13.7	10.19	2.36	5.59
2,700	11	2.55	34.0	10.0	19.7	5.00	1.94	3.49
5,400	12	2.52	31.0	14.0	22.2	4.55	2.35	3.24
17,100	13	2.10	51.0	14.0	30.1	5.35	1.89	2.90
27,900	14	2.22	52.0	10.0	29.6	7.38	2.07	3.32
10,800	15	2.51	35.0	15.0	23.4	5.37	2.83	4.04
10,800	16	2.57	34.0	19.0	25.3	4.25	2.69	3.84
5,400	17	2.43	45.0	22.0	29.7	4.31	2.69	3.69
3,600	18	2.34	38.0	32.0	34.8	3.56	3.12	3.39
90,000	.....	2.36	.....	.....	26.7	.....	.....	3.58

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
900			11.54			3.30			14.84
5,400	20.49	5.71	11.57	6.25	1.57	3.51	26.74	7.28	15.08
2,700	10.06	4.68	7.29	3.05	1.44	2.10	13.11	6.12	9.39
5,400	9.14	5.70	6.85	2.19	1.48	1.70	11.33	7.18	8.55
17,100	10.76	4.57	6.57	2.33	1.48	1.65	13.09	5.75	8.22
27,900	14.84	5.00	7.08	3.50	1.14	2.10	18.34	6.19	9.18
10,800	10.79	6.51	8.75	2.52	1.66	2.04	13.31	8.17	10.79
10,800	9.77	5.75	8.31	2.28	1.13	1.80	12.23	6.88	10.11
5,400	9.21	6.18	8.05	2.18	1.41	1.68	11.39	7.59	9.73
3,600	7.62	7.17	7.35	1.50	1.41	1.46	9.12	8.88	8.81
90,000	.....	.....	7.70	.....	.....	1.99	.....	.....	9.69

#### EXPERIMENT C, 1911.

This experiment was conducted at Station 4, of which exterior and interior views are shown in Plate I. The number of birds fed during the season totaled 117,151, which included 17,330 broilers and 55,010 roasters. The results for all the birds are summarized in Table 6 according to number of days fed, and the average results for the broilers and roasters, irrespective of length of feeding period, are shown separately as in the other experiments.

## FEED.

A ration composed of about 1 part of shorts, 2 of low-grade flour, and 3 of corn meal was fed until August 12, when it was changed to 1 part of shorts, 1 of flour, and 2 of meal. On August 23 another change was made to 1 of shorts, 2 of flour, and 4 of meal, which was again changed on October 8 to 1 of shorts, 3 of flour, and 9 of meal, which was fed to the end of the season. The gains and cost were quite consistent, as the variation was due largely, if not entirely, to conditions other than feed. Chickens will use a larger per cent of corn meal more efficiently during cool weather, as the feeding season progresses. These records show a marked decrease in gains during the hot weather in August, and an extremely high cost of gains during November and December. The poor results obtained in August were due partly to overcrowding and perhaps partly to feeding a mixture which was too thick during the extremely hot weather.

TABLE 6.—*Summary of Experiment C, 1911, Station 4, arranged according to length of feeding period.*

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
3,326	7	3.22	8.0	3.0	4.6	10.82	5.18	9.03
6,140	8	2.90	25.0	8.0	13.6	5.40	1.96	3.91
9,830	9	3.01	18.0	5.0	12.2	9.43	3.12	4.79
15,342	10	2.91	25.0	3.0	14.5	14.76	2.31	5.13
16,864	11	2.75	37.0	9.0	18.9	7.22	2.42	4.06
32,493	12	2.43	34.0	5.0	19.6	30.56	1.49	4.85
10,802	13	1.88	39.0	12.0	25.9	5.86	2.69	3.79
17,298	14	1.84	50.0	17.0	33.0	5.69	2.25	3.25
5,956	15	1.99	44.0	25.0	29.5	4.41	3.23	3.55
117,151	.....	2.48	.....	.....	20.4	.....	.....	4.45
17,330 broilers	.....	1.60	.....	.....	34.9	.....	.....	3.69
55,010 roasters	.....	3.05	.....	.....	14.0	.....	.....	5.50

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
3,326	17.04	8.14	14.25	4.04	2.14	3.33	20.56	10.28	17.85
6,140	8.59	3.44	6.23	2.90	.76	1.45	11.49	4.20	7.68
9,830	15.94	5.48	7.74	4.80	1.20	1.92	19.84	6.68	9.66
15,342	28.27	3.62	8.19	9.03	.89	2.15	37.30	4.81	10.34
16,864	11.33	4.06	6.68	2.39	.89	1.43	13.72	4.95	8.11
32,493	49.00	3.84	7.91	13.52	.98	1.96	62.52	4.82	9.87
10,802	9.91	4.20	6.23	2.34	1.19	1.65	11.92	5.49	7.88
17,298	9.12	3.62	4.80	4.30	.98	1.54	13.04	5.29	6.34
5,956	7.08	5.77	6.04	1.65	1.23	1.50	8.58	7.03	7.54
117,151	.....	.....	7.15	.....	.....	1.81	.....	.....	8.96
17,330 broilers	.....	.....	5.98	.....	.....	1.63	.....	.....	7.61
55,010 roasters	.....	.....	8.83	.....	.....	2.12	.....	.....	10.95

Table 6 shows the common custom of separating roasters and broilers, feeding the former for short periods and the latter for a longer time. The broilers produced cheaper gains with less feed than the roasters, the average total cost per pound of gain being 1.89 cents less. Weather conditions were more favorable when most of the broilers were fed, which gives them an advantage over the roasters. Broilers fed during cool weather in summer produced the cheapest gains, but the gains later in the season, though cheaper than those produced by roasters, were much higher than earlier in the season, because a large number of the broilers were stunted and the weather conditions unfavorable.

The very marked increase in cost of gains in this experiment during November and December shows plainly the effect of weather conditions on the birds and the unprofitableness of feeding when this happens. It may be seen from Table III of the appendix that an unusually large proportion of dead birds are recorded in this experiment toward the close of the season. Comparing the results at this station with those obtained in Experiment D at Station 2, we find that the average gain and the amount of feed per pound of gain was the same for the season, while the cost was slightly greater at the latter station, due to the higher cost of the buttermilk. Condensed buttermilk diluted with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  parts of water was used in Experiment D, while the regular buttermilk, which was used in Experiment C, cost only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents per gallon. The proportion of corn meal in the ration was increased in cool weather without any injurious effects, but a study of the results indicates that a smaller per cent of corn meal in the ration produced cheaper gains.

#### EXPERIMENT C, 1912.

The ration at Station 4 in 1912 varied considerably during the season but on the whole was quite similar to that used in 1911, except that a smaller proportion of shorts was used throughout the season while a larger proportion of low-grade wheat flour was used during the latter part of the season. From 1 to 2 per cent of meat and bones was fed during the last half of June, throughout August and during the first half of September. The ration by months was as follows: July, 1 part of shorts, 3 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 6.5 parts of corn meal, mixed with 65 per cent of buttermilk; August, 1 part of shorts, 2 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 4 parts of corn meal, mixed with 67.5 per cent of buttermilk; September, 1 part of shorts, 4 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 7 parts of corn meal, mixed with 62 per cent of buttermilk; October, 1 part of shorts, 5 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 6.5 parts of corn meal, mixed with 62 per cent of buttermilk; November, 1 part of shorts, 6.5 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 11 parts of corn meal, mixed with 62 per cent of buttermilk.

The lots which averaged to weigh less than  $1\frac{3}{4}$  pounds per bird were classed as broilers during the first part of the feeding season and the broilers and roasters were separated and fed different feeding periods after the 1st of October.

TABLE 7.—*Summary of Experiment C, 1912, Station 4, arranged according to length of feeding period.*

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
11,360	7	2.47	18.0	14.0	16.2	3.69	2.64	3.00
25,600	8	2.46	22.0	12.0	18.5	4.28	2.75	3.10
17,360	9	2.57	29.0	9.0	18.5	5.88	2.78	3.51
27,440	10	2.22	30.0	10.0	20.1	5.83	2.39	3.42
30,880	11	2.28	34.0	12.0	20.4	5.19	2.72	3.75
41,320	12	2.13	40.0	6.0	20.2	12.60	2.58	4.50
24,640	13	1.93	37.0	7.0	22.9	7.83	2.75	4.24
6,800	14	1.65	39.0	25.0	28.8	4.95	2.80	3.64
2,720	15	1.70	37.0	27.0	32.7	5.41	3.03	3.83
2,800	16	1.66	38.0	23.0	33.0	4.78	3.18	3.96
211,560	.....	2.21	.....	.....	20.7	.....	.....	3.72
43,120 broilers	.....	1.64	.....	.....	26.8	.....	.....	4.02
26,880 roasters	.....	3.10	.....	.....	11.7	.....	.....	5.73

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
11,360	6.39	4.67	5.33	1.05	0.82	0.89	7.44	5.49	6.22
25,600	7.64	4.84	5.49	1.21	.77	.88	8.85	5.61	6.37
17,360	10.47	4.88	6.22	1.85	.75	.99	12.32	5.63	7.21
27,440	9.73	4.18	6.13	2.10	.80	1.33	11.80	5.02	7.46
30,880	9.14	4.80	6.63	1.74	.88	1.31	10.73	5.68	7.94
41,320	23.89	4.62	7.93	6.37	1.01	1.75	30.26	5.63	9.68
24,640	13.80	4.93	7.54	2.52	1.04	1.68	16.32	6.01	9.22
6,800	8.09	5.03	6.51	2.91	1.09	1.55	10.30	6.12	8.06
2,720	9.64	5.52	6.92	2.36	1.70	2.14	11.34	7.88	9.06
2,800	8.52	5.82	7.20	2.87	1.47	2.12	11.34	7.78	9.32
211,560	.....	.....	6.61	.....	.....	1.37	.....	.....	7.98
43,120 broilers	.....	.....	7.25	.....	.....	1.74	.....	.....	8.99
26,880 roasters	.....	.....	9.78	.....	.....	1.89	.....	.....	11.67

#### EXPERIMENT D, 1911.

The results of this experiment at Station 2 were quite even throughout the season, except that during the month of November there was a marked increase and great variation in the cost of gains. The lots were handled like those in Experiment C, except that roasters were fed 7 or 8 days, while broilers were on feed 14 days. This method is open to criticism because cheaper gains are produced by gradually decreasing the length of the feeding period on roasters, reaching 7 or 8 days about the middle of October, than by changing from 14 directly to 7 or 8 days as soon as the lots are separated into roasters and broilers. However, much depends on the weather conditions, on the market, and on the economy of labor in the feeding station.



## FEED.

The ration throughout the season consisted of 3 parts of corn meal, 2 parts of low-grade flour, and 5 per cent of shorts, mixed with condensed buttermilk diluted with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  parts of water. The results plainly show that these proportions of corn meal and flour make a very satisfactory ration throughout the feeding season. The condensed buttermilk undoubtedly offsets the corn meal in this ration during hot weather, so that it is more satisfactorily fed with thick condensed buttermilk than if mixed with the ordinary buttermilk.

TABLE 8.—Summary of Experiment D, 1911, Station 2, arranged according to length of feeding period.

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
9,174	6	3.31	9.0	2.0	7.4	14.31	3.45	5.25
14,670	7	3.20	13.0	2.0	9.2	16.74	3.15	5.58
35,462	8	2.96	19.0	8.0	13.4	6.24	2.68	3.93
11,012	9	2.89	22.0	7.0	14.8	6.96	2.62	4.01
5,570	10	2.40	25.0	12.0	20.1	4.92	2.72	3.35
2,172	13	2.21	37.0	28.0	29.7	4.09	2.89	3.11
15,230	14	1.94	42.0	19.0	30.4	5.54	2.85	3.82
11,810	15	1.97	41.0	23.0	30.2	5.13	2.92	3.71
3,340	16	1.97	32.0	26.0	27.4	4.21	3.73	4.10
1,360	17	1.80			37.0			3.38
109,800		2.68			18.0			4.18
11,500 broilers.....		1.79			36.9			4.27
71,928 roasters.....		3.04			12.0			4.48

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
9,174	30.86	7.48	11.12	6.72	1.34	2.27	37.58	8.89	13.39
14,670	35.31	6.79	11.63	6.80	1.15	2.04	42.11	8.05	13.67
35,462	13.60	5.59	8.31	2.31	.95	1.40	15.37	6.54	9.71
11,012	14.47	5.26	8.51	2.50	1.01	1.44	16.97	6.27	9.95
5,570	10.13	5.31	6.77	1.81	.98	1.22	11.94	6.30	7.99
2,172	9.98	5.97	6.37	1.93	1.14	1.24	11.91	6.93	7.61
15,230	12.29	5.67	7.80	2.26	1.06	1.43	14.55	6.73	9.23
11,810	10.87	5.76	7.49	1.73	1.11	1.42	12.56	6.87	8.91
3,340	8.43	7.35	8.17	1.73	1.43	1.66	10.16	8.78	9.83
1,360			6.63			1.29			7.92
109,800			8.71			1.56			10.27
11,500 broilers.....			8.87			1.57			10.44
71,928 roasters.....			9.42			1.66			11.08

## EXPERIMENT D, 1912.

The ration at Station 2 in 1912 was similar to that used in 1911, except that 2 to 3 per cent of bone and waste meat was fed at irregular intervals until the middle of September. A slightly larger (from 5 to 10) per cent of shorts was fed during 1912 after the middle of September, while this same per cent of a mixture of shorts and graham flour

was used up to that time. The supply of condensed buttermilk was very limited, so that it was necessary to dilute it with a larger per cent of water as the feeding season advanced. The amount of condensed buttermilk fed per 100 pounds of grain was as follows: 10 gallons in August, 7 gallons in September, 4.5 gallons in October, and 3.3 gallons in November. The rather poor results secured at this station during the last part of the season may have been partly due to this lack of buttermilk, but the results were quite variable throughout the entire season.

The cost of feed was considerably higher in 1912 than in 1911. The broilers and roasters were not separated at this station during this feeding season. The high cost of the gains during October on lots fed from 11 to 15 days would indicate that the common practice of dividing the lots into broilers and roasters about the 1st of October and gradually reducing the length of the feeding period of the latter was more profitable than to feed roasters for 14 days after the 1st of October.

TABLE 9.—*Summary of Experiment D, 1912, Station 2, arranged according to length of feeding period.*

Number of head.	Days fed.	Average weight.	Per cent of gain.			Grain per pound of gain.		
			High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
		<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>
14,632	6	3.35	15.0	3.0	7.5	7.22	2.67	5.37
8,986	7	3.04	21.0	6.0	12.4	7.88	2.52	4.58
8,032	8	2.75	26.0	6.0	13.2	7.81	2.20	5.29
6,748	9	2.98	26.0	7.0	12.1	6.59	2.46	5.15
14,018	10	2.55	24.0	9.0	20.6	6.76	3.40	3.99
24,830	11	2.45	27.0	6.0	17.8	12.33	2.70	4.65
7,056	12	2.54	23.0	9.0	15.9	8.69	3.02	5.22
5,610	13	2.79	18.0	7.0	15.1	11.70	4.04	6.18
7,320	14	2.38	23.0	13.0	18.4	8.15	2.83	5.54
5,340	15	2.43	25.0	8.0	17.5	11.64	3.74	6.66
3,840	16	1.87	30.0	22.0	25.8	4.99	3.79	4.38
640	17	1.73	.....	.....	35.0	.....	.....	3.78
107,052	.....	2.69	.....	.....	15.7	.....	.....	4.98

Number of head.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.			Cost of labor per pound of gain.			Total cost per pound of gain.		
	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.	High.	Low.	Average.
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
14,632	13.82	5.22	9.90	3.16	0.77	2.08	16.87	5.99	11.98
8,986	13.60	5.17	8.10	2.99	0.78	1.38	16.59	5.95	9.48
8,032	14.60	4.79	10.15	3.28	0.78	1.78	17.88	5.57	11.93
6,748	11.37	5.51	11.59	1.81	1.00	1.54	13.13	6.54	13.13
14,018	12.90	6.82	7.99	1.98	0.81	0.99	14.88	7.63	8.98
24,830	22.75	6.14	9.68	3.64	1.16	1.56	26.22	7.30	11.24
7,056	15.58	6.83	10.27	2.27	1.16	1.66	17.85	8.03	11.93
5,610	27.20	9.21	11.78	4.50	1.31	1.64	31.70	10.75	13.42
7,320	15.60	6.48	11.21	2.19	1.12	1.70	17.62	7.60	12.91
5,340	21.56	8.73	13.05	2.92	1.38	1.98	24.48	10.11	15.03
3,840	11.67	8.90	11.21	1.83	1.36	1.59	13.50	10.26	12.80
640	.....	.....	8.78	.....	.....	1.36	.....	.....	10.14
107,052	.....	.....	9.95	.....	.....	1.59	.....	.....	11.54

**DETAILS CONCERNING THE FEEDING.****LENGTH OF THE FATTENING PERIOD.**

No comparison can well be made from these tables between the lots fed different lengths of time. For instance, in Experiment B (Table 4) the 17-day lots show the cheapest gains, and the cost of gains happened to increase as the length of the feeding period decreased; but this was due either to the difference in the weight of the birds or to the time of the year when they were fed, and not to the number of days fed. The small birds were fed for the longer feeding periods and during the best weather for fattening, while the large birds were fed for the shorter periods, during the poorest part of the feeding season, which condition produced the cheapest gains on the lots fed for the longest feeding periods. The cost of gain on a given lot increases directly with the length of the feeding period.

In this experiment shortening the length of feeding earlier in the fall would undoubtedly have cheapened the cost of gain, but as the manager wanted to produce an especially fine quality of flesh, he considered it advisable to feed for the longer period while the chickens did well in the feeder. When the results showed that the lots were losing by being kept on feed 14 days, the period was shortened as quickly as possible without complicating the labor problem in the packing house. This shows the need of planning for the increased cost of gain in the fall, and preparing for it by shortening the length of feeding previous to the period of low gains, as the labor can not be handled economically if an abrupt change is made.

Again, in Experiment C the best length of feeding period can not be determined from a comparative study of the feeding, on account of a variation in the size of the birds and in the weather conditions for lots fed the same number of days. A comparison of the results at the various stations shows that the common practice of feeding broilers and springs for about 14 days during the first part of the feeding season and separating the lots of roasters and broilers about the middle of September, while gradually reducing the feeding period of the roasters, is the most profitable practice, unless there is a special reason for feeding the lots longer in the fall.

**FEEDING TWICE AS AGAINST THREE TIMES DAILY.**

Comparing the feeding results secured in Table 4 (Experiment B, Station 1) with those in the other tables, we find that the feed at this station was apparently more efficient than at any of the other stations. Practically the same gains were secured, both with less daily consumption of feed and less feed per pound of gain. Various factors might have influenced these results, but it would appear that by feeding twice instead of three times daily the grain was used more efficiently

in producing gains. At Station 1 during the greater part of the season the birds received a light feed in the morning and a heavy feed at night, thus getting the bulk of their feed in one meal. Some small tests in cramming, the results of which were not recorded, produced very good results by feeding only once daily. The advantage of feeding twice as against three times daily depends on other factors as much as on the efficiency of the use of feed, so that each feeder must decide that question for himself. Very good results can be secured by either method. There appears to be less danger of overfeeding when feeding only twice daily, but a more experienced feeder is required to regulate the amount to feed in two meals than in three in order to get the greatest amount of feed into the bird. Apparently under average conditions the birds will consume more feed in three meals daily, but will use their feed more efficiently if fed twice, provided that they receive enough feed.

#### THE USE OF CONDIMENTAL FEEDS.

A commercial preparation claimed by the manufacturers to stimulate the appetites of birds which are being fattened was fed in Experiment B to lots 1 to 12. Later in the season the test was repeated by feeding this preparation to lots 23 to 37. It did not appear to stimulate the birds' appetites, as the gains of other lots, fed before and after those which received this substance, did not show there was any advantage in feeding it.

Oil of aniseed mixed with pure carbolic acid, and fed at the rate of one tablespoonful to every 2,000 birds, had been used by one of the feeders in some previous work. It was claimed to have increased the appetite of the birds, but it made the bones brittle, so that its use prevented good dressing.

#### THE USE OF SALT AND GRIT.

Fine salt was fed in Experiments C and D at the rate of 4 pounds of salt to 10,000 head, without producing any apparent results. The feeders at these stations believed that salt in the feed kept the birds from picking each other, so that when this vice is prevalent it may pay to feed salt, otherwise there is no advantage in adding salt to the ration.

Grit was given to the birds in Experiment B twice weekly during the first month of the feeding season, but no grit was fed at any of the other stations. At the end of the month the feeding of grit was stopped without any apparent effect, and was not fed any more during the season. Birds in good health which are fattened not longer than 16 days do not need grit, as grit increases the cost of feed and labor without producing better gains.

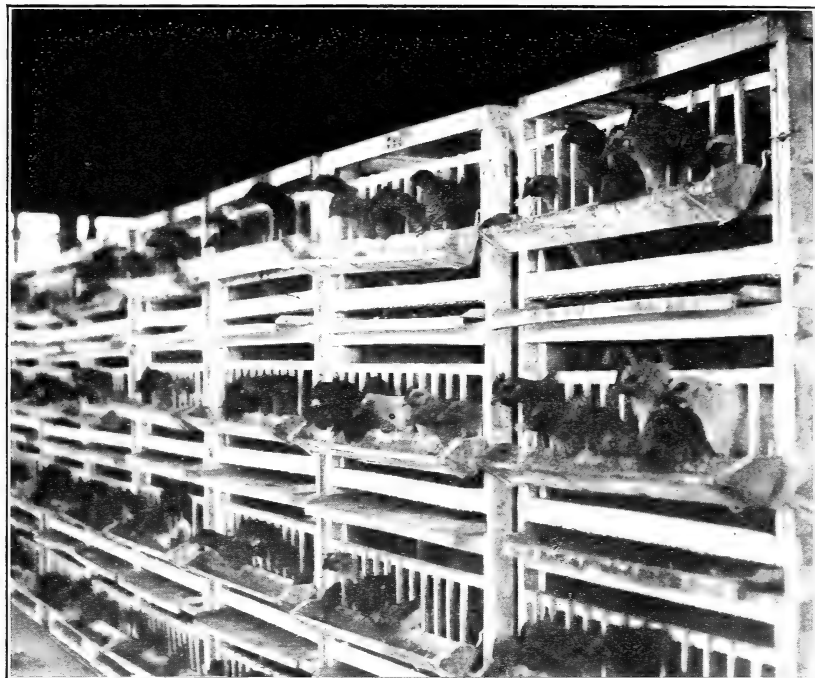


FIG. 1.—CHICKENS IN FEEDING BATTERIES WAITING TO BE FED.



FIG. 2.—POURING THE FEED INTO THE TROUGHS.



**THE EFFECT OF BUTTERMILK ON MOLTING.**

The marked growth of feathers which occurs during a few days of fattening indicates that buttermilk and forced feeding tend to renew feathers rapidly. Chickens which do well in fattening are almost invariably covered with pin feathers, and this is an indication of good results in the feeder. Apparently a large amount of buttermilk in the feed greatly stimulates the growth of feathers, which fact might be noted in connection with the feeding of laying hens during the late summer to promote rapid molting and the growth of new feathers without forcing the birds.

**THE BLEACHING EFFECT OF CONDENSED BUTTERMILK.**

The No. 1 grade of poultry ordinarily sells for 1 to 2 cents more per pound than the third grade, so that a feeding mixture which will produce a greater per cent of the No. 1 grade has a commercial value. Buttermilk in the feed produces a bleach. An experiment was conducted at Station 4 to see whether the addition of condensed to ordinary buttermilk was profitable. One gallon of condensed buttermilk was added to 10 gallons of ordinary buttermilk from August 24 to September 18, and this test was repeated from October 4 to the 18th. The birds, as shown by Table III of the appendix, did not do well during the hot weather, which occurred about the middle of August. This is also shown in the grading reports. Condensed buttermilk was fed at this time and resulted in an immediate marked increase in the fancy grades of dressed poultry. This increase was greater than the relative increase in per cent of gain, showing that the increased consumption of buttermilk produced a larger per cent of fancy poultry, but when this condensed buttermilk was dropped out of the ration on September 18, the proportion of fancy poultry did not decrease. This would appear to show that the addition of extra condensed buttermilk was profitable only during warm or hot weather, and in fattening small birds. Condensed buttermilk was used entirely in mixing the feed at Stations 2 and 3, adding  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gallons of water to 1 gallon of the milk at Station 2 and equal parts of water and condensed buttermilk at Station 3. This large proportion of milk solids showed very marked results in producing a bleach in the poultry.

**MISCELLANEOUS RATIONS.**

A test in cramming chickens, conducted by the feeder at Station 1, on ground Georgia peanuts with buttermilk, produced unfavorable results. The feed was very laxative, and the chickens, though eating well, grew thin instead of fat. A ration containing about 6 per cent of peanut meal gave good results. The peanuts flavored the flesh and produced a peanut-fed chicken which sold at a special price, but the unfavorable effects of feeding a large per cent of peanut meal made this ration impractical.

A ration consisting of 60 per cent steel-cut oats, 40 per cent corn meal, with three-fourths of a pound of tallow and half a pound of fresh meat per 100 head daily, mixed with buttermilk, gave very good results, producing extremely fat chickens. The oats were soaked in buttermilk a couple of hours before feeding.

A test was made of cooked meal obtained by adding boiling water to corn meal and allowing this mixture to stand for 12 hours. Some condimental foods were added to this feed, and milk was kept before the birds during the day, but the results were not particularly satisfactory.

Another test was made with low-grade flour in place of the steel-cut oats, and this produced almost as high gains at 82 less cost per 100 head on feed. Table or cottonseed oil which cost 45 to 55 cents per gallon was tried in place of tallow. Chopped green alfalfa was added to the ration, but alfalfa has a tendency to color the flesh if fed up to killing time. None of these extra feeds appear to be either necessary or economical.

#### THE FEED AS AFFECTED BY CHANGES IN THE WEATHER.

The milk was heated before mixing with the feed at the different stations as soon as the weather turned cold in the fall. The consistency of the feed depends greatly on the weather. During hot weather the mixture should be made so that it will run rather than drip. In cooler weather it can be mixed with less milk to good advantage, but should drip freely. When thick condensed buttermilk is used, the feed can be mixed to a thicker consistency than with ordinary buttermilk. The monthly average of the per cent of buttermilk to total feed at Station 1 (Experiment B) was as follows: July, 67 per cent; August, 70 per cent; September, 68 per cent; October, 65 per cent, and November, 66 per cent. The daily variation in the per cent of milk was quite marked, especially in July and August.

#### NUMBER OF BIRDS IN EACH COMPARTMENT.

From 8 to 12 birds were placed in each compartment of the portable batteries at Stations 2, 3, and 4. Twelve birds were too many, as the birds scratched each others' backs through attempting to feed at the same opening. Ten birds gave good satisfaction at all of the stations, but 8 birds seemed to do better at Station 4 during hot weather. Ten birds in a compartment allows nine-tenths of a foot of floor space per bird in the battery. Later in the season, when the birds were larger, only 8 birds were placed in each compartment. Batteries of the size mentioned (2 feet 4 inches wide by 3 feet 10 inches long) will hold 80 broilers or medium-sized springs or 64 large springs or roasters without crowding, but in very hot weather it may pay to place only 64 head in each battery, if enough floor space is available.



## REMOVING BIRDS "OFF FEED."

"Cripples" were removed from the batteries at Station 1 after October 26, which materially lowered the loss due to dead birds, but increased the cost of labor. These birds, if in good flesh, were dressed and their weight credited to their respective lots. The economy of this extra labor depends upon numerous conditions which are closely related. One reason for doing this at Station 1 and not at the other stations was that the birds were fed there for a longer time much later in the season than at the other stations. The conditions in the feeding station appeared to produce more sickly birds at Station 1 than at the others. If the chickens are carefully selected before they are put into the feeding station, so that no birds with colds or apparently out of condition go into the feeder, and they are only fed for a short period of 6 to 10 days under proper conditions of ventilation, it does not appear profitable to employ an extra man to remove "cripples." The regular help, however, must watch the birds carefully enough to prevent rousy conditions from spreading through the coops, although this is not likely to occur during the short feeding periods. Portable batteries placed a few inches apart keep the birds scattered so that any contagious disease will not spread as rapidly as in stationary coops or batteries.

## FEATHER PICKING.

Two per cent of linseed meal was fed with the ration in Experiment D from September 1 to November 5. The linseed meal did not appear to affect the results of fattening in any way. The chickens during this period dressed particularly well, and it is possible that this linseed meal made picking easier, but its use would not be profitable for this purpose. The object of feeding linseed meal was to see if it had any effect on the habit of chickens picking each other. This vice caused considerable loss in fattening at times, but appeared to depend greatly on the condition of the chickens before they reached the packing house. Chickens which have not been well fed, or have been held for some time by the country merchant under poor conditions, are particularly subject to this vice, while in sections where the birds receive better care and are moved more quickly from the farm to the packing house, this habit does not cause any particular loss. Linseed meal added to the ration at Station 4 seemed to stop this vice, but the habit was not so widespread that a good test could be made. Either fresh meat or good beef scrap might prove of value where there was much loss due to this habit, but the remedy appears to lie largely in the use of better methods of handling the chickens before they reach the fattening stations.

Feather picking was more prevalent at all of the feeding stations in 1912 than it has ever been before. From 2 to 3 per cent of waste

meat and bones from local butcher shops was fed at Stations 2, 3, and 4 at irregular intervals during the season, but no consistent effect was noticed from this special feeding. Several lots at Station 3 were fed specially prepared mixed feeds which were claimed to prevent feather picking, but the results were inconsistent. The feather picking broke out during a period of cool weather, while the birds were eating ravenously, but stopped quite suddenly when the weather became warm and the birds were not so eager for their food. There appeared to be less loss due to this trouble where the largest per cent of buttermilk was fed in the ration, but feather picking can not be entirely controlled by regulating the proportion of buttermilk in the feed. Less heating rations, or those containing a large per cent of shorts and mixed feed and a small per cent of corn meal, make the best feeds for use in hot weather where feather picking is prevalent. The mixed feeds, however, produced chickens covered with small pin feathers, which resulted in a poorer grade of dressed product, and therefore made the feeding of the mixed feeds unprofitable as well as undesirable.

#### FATTENING HENS.

The results of fattening over 20,000 hens are shown in Tables 10 and 11, the feeding having been done at Stations 1, 2, and 4. All the lots were fed during November, 1911, and November and December, 1912.

The hens at Station 1 were fed coarse corn chop, or cracked corn with the meal left in, and 15 per cent of shorts, mixed with buttermilk. The shorts were added to facilitate mixing the feed, otherwise the corn chop would sink to the bottom of the mixer. The feed was mixed with considerable buttermilk and fed in a wet state.

The regular chicken mixture was fed to the hens at Stations 2 and 4, which, while producing slightly smaller gains, was apparently more efficient, as the average gain was produced with a pound less grain than with the corn chop, shorts, and buttermilk in 1911. It should be stated, however, that the increased cost of gain at Station 1 was due partly to the increased cost of buttermilk at this station, as the cost of grain in the rations was about the same, the regular chicken rations being slightly cheaper than the corn-chop ration. The comparative difference in cost of labor is due to the condition explained under Experiment B. A comparison of the results in 1912 does not show any marked advantage of one ration over the other

TABLE 10.—*Experiments in fattening hens, 1911.*

## STATION 1.

Lot.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Grain per 100 head.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
	Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1.....	348	1,081	3.1	9	800	1,290	209	19.3	60	3.83	6.00	1.67	7.67
2.....	352	1,319	3.4	9	800	1,441	122	9.2	31	6.56	10.41	2.87	13.28
3.....	1,170	3,469	3.0	9	2,500	3,902	433	12.5	37	5.77	8.95	2.72	11.67
4.....	392	1,338	3.4	10	900	1,490	152	11.4	39	5.92	9.49	2.58	12.07
5.....	392	1,242	3.2	10	900	1,425	183	14.7	47	4.92	7.71	2.14	9.85
6.....	784	2,536	3.2	10	2,000	2,870	334	13.2	43	5.99	9.28	2.34	11.62
7.....	392	1,288	3.3	12	1,100	1,492	204	15.8	52	5.39	8.36	1.92	10.28
Average.....			3.17					13.4		5.61	8.77	2.41	11.18

## STATION 4.

	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Grain per 100 head.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Pounds.	Pounds.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1.....	378	1,284	3.4	7	438	1,422	138	10.7	37	3.17	5.07	1.31	6.38
2.....	330	1,152	3.5	8	439	1,275	123	10.7	37	3.57	5.66	1.42	7.08
3.....	384	1,320	3.4	8	526	1,465	145	11.0	38	3.63	5.74	1.83	7.57
4.....	256	867	3.4	8	343	934	67	7.7	26	5.12	8.18	2.87	11.05
5.....	448	1,477	3.3	9	672	1,646	169	11.4	38	3.98	6.31	1.54	7.85
6.....	320	1,084	3.4	9	483	1,198	114	10.5	36	4.24	6.83	1.91	8.74
7.....	192	781	4.1	9	330	823	42	5.4	22	7.86	12.29	2.79	15.08
8.....	128	480	3.8	10	247	540	60	12.5	47	4.12	6.45	2.50	7.95
9.....	256	928	3.6	10	428	1,020	92	9.9	36	4.65	7.49	2.12	9.61
10.....	261	978	3.8	10	485	1,128	150	15.3	58	3.23	5.05	1.03	6.08
Average.....			3.51					10.6		4.16	6.61	1.77	8.38

TABLE 11.—*Experiments in fattening hens, 1912.*

## STATION 1.

Lod.	Number of head.	Total weight.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Pounds.	Pounds.	1912.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1.....	450	1,427	3.17	Nov. 21 to Nov. 27.	7	554	1,581	154	11	34	10	3.60	6.15	2.12	8.27
2.....	450	1,466	3.26	Nov. 22 to Nov. 28.	7	538	1,566	100	7	22	15	5.38	9.20	3.11	12.31
3.....	450	1,460	3.24	Nov. 23 to Nov. 29.	7	475	1,571	111	8	25	13	4.28	7.32	2.19	9.51
4.....	450	1,454	3.23	Nov. 24 to Dec. 1.....	8	474	1,593	139	10	31	7	3.41	5.83	1.73	7.56
5.....	450	1,407	3.13	do.	8	574	1,569	162	12	36	25	3.54	6.06	1.90	7.96
6.....	450	1,407	3.23	Nov. 27 to Dec. 3.....	7	627	1,569	69	5	15	5	9.09	15.54	4.67	20.21
7.....	450	1,500	3.33	Nov. 29 to Dec. 5.....	7	529	1,565	122	8	27	11	4.34	7.41	3.28	10.69
8.....	450	1,443	3.21	Dec. 5 to Dec. 11.....	7	529	1,529	139	10	31	13	3.81	6.50	3.41	9.91
9.....	450	1,390	3.09	Dec. 6 to Dec. 12.....	7	611	1,562	196	14	44	9	3.12	5.33	2.14	7.47
10.....	450	1,366	3.04	Dec. 10 to Dec. 16.....	7	611	1,562	196	14	44	9	3.12	5.33	2.14	7.47
Average.....			3.19						9.4			4.59	7.70	2.73	10.43

## STATION 2.

1.....	1,500	5,871	3.91	Nov. 10 to Nov. 18.	9	3,030	6,387	516	9	34	31	5.87	10.67	2.35	13.02
2.....	1,080	3,990	3.69	Nov. 12 to Nov. 18.	7	1,085	4,400	410	10	38	17	4.11	7.30	1.71	9.01
3.....	360	1,324	3.68	Nov. 13 to Nov. 19.	7	551	1,511	187	14	52	2	2.95	5.08	1.12	6.20
4.....	780	2,915	3.74	Nov. 14 to Nov. 20.	7	1,154	3,148	233	8	30	14	4.95	8.40	1.74	10.14
5.....	960	3,655	3.81	Nov. 15 to Nov. 21.	7	1,344	4,062	347	10	36	7	3.87	6.45	1.30	7.75
6.....	1,020	3,910	3.83	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22.	7	1,428	4,199	289	7	28	10	4.94	8.08	1.45	9.53
7.....	1,140	4,695	4.12	Nov. 17 to Nov. 24.	8	1,813	5,070	375	8	33	5	4.83	7.69	1.22	8.91
8.....	1,040	3,937	3.79	Nov. 19 to Nov. 26.	8	1,550	4,259	322	8	31	13	4.81	8.46	1.20	9.66
9.....	1,020	3,847	3.77	Nov. 21 to Nov. 28.	8	1,714	4,084	237	6	23	19	7.23	10.89	1.68	12.57
10.....	780	2,909	3.73	Nov. 20 to Nov. 28.	9	1,482	3,044	135	5	17	12	10.98	16.99	2.54	19.53
Average.....			3.83						8.2			5.51	9.16	1.67	10.83

Corn chop and buttermilk were fed to hens held for live shipment during the summer months, but in very hot weather the birds did better on a ration of corn chop with 8 per cent of low-grade flour and 5 per cent shorts, which was less heating than the corn chop alone. These lots were only held for a short time in hot weather, and the object of feeding was to prevent shrinkage rather than to produce gains. Some lots showed a slight gain, others held their own weight, while a few showed a small shrinkage.

Corn chop is difficult to feed, as it can not be mixed with milk and poured from a feeding pail, so that the labor of feeding this ration is greater than with the other ration. The corn chop not mixed with other grains is fed by taking up a scoopful of grain and milk together, and stirring the mixture frequently to prevent the corn from settling in the mixing tank or feeding pail. If tallow is used in the chicken mixture, the corn-chop ration might prove as economical as the other ration. The regular chicken mixture prevents shrinkage better in hot weather, is cheaper, requires less labor, and produces slightly more economical gains in feeding hens than the corn-chop ration.

#### LESS PROFIT IN FATTENING HENS THAN IN FATTENING CHICKENS.

The average cost of the hens into the feeder was 7.7 cents a pound in 1911 and 10.3 cents in 1912, so that a pound of flesh can be bought more cheaply than produced in the feeding station. Therefore it only pays to feed hens under certain conditions. The object in feeding hens at Station 1 was to supply a trade for "milk-fed" hens and to dispose of the light hens, which are somewhat of a drag on the market in the ordinary grades of dressed fowl. At Stations 2 and 4 the light hens and those which were covered with small pin feathers were selected for fattening. The latter kind would grow feathers rapidly, so that they would dress as fancy poultry after a week or ten days fattening.

A comparison of the results secured in fattening hens at these three stations is shown in Tables 10 and 11. The feeding was done in November and December. The average cost of fattening the hens in 1911 was 10.92 and 8.74 cents per pound of gain at Stations 1 and 4, respectively, and 10.43 and 10.83 at Stations 1 and 2, in 1912. This is lower than the corresponding cost of fattening chickens at these stations during the same months, but higher than the average cost of fattening for the season. However, it may be stated that the cost for fattening chickens at Station 4 during the greater part of November (see Table III, appendix) was abnormally high. In general the difference in the cost, if any, would be more than made up in the selling price. Therefore, as hens are bought and sold at a considerably lower price per pound, it is, as a rule, much more profitable to fatten chickens than to fatten hens.

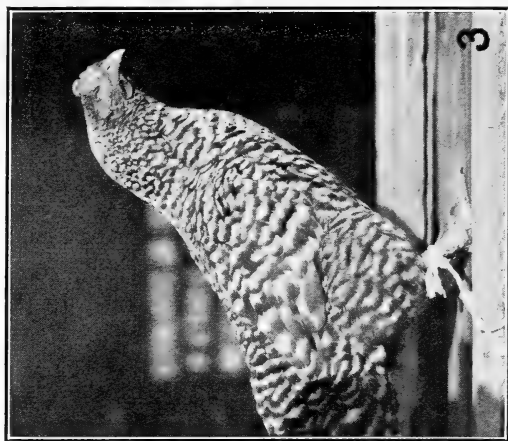
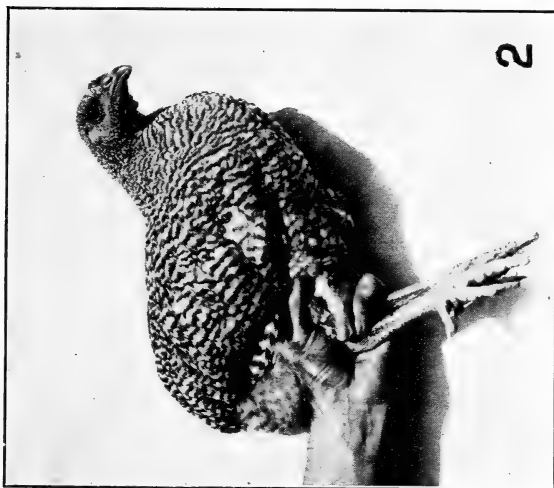
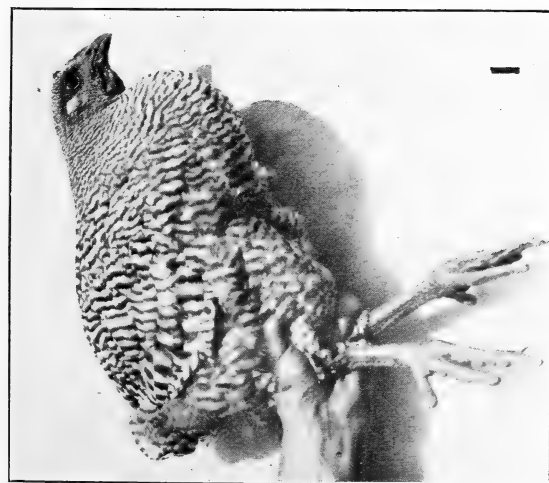
## INDIVIDUAL VARIATION IN FATTENING CHICKENS.

A study of Table 12 and of the variation in the summaries of the feeding experiments at the different stations shows that many factors affect the gains in fattening. Variation within a lot is due somewhat to the difference in the weight of the birds, but largely to the difference in the ability of the individuals to take on flesh under the existing conditions. This plainly shows how much variation exists in this ability to fatten readily, and the influence which the weather has in fattening. The possible error of conclusions drawn from small lots in fattening experiments is readily noted, and this possibility undoubtedly occurs under other poultry methods, as in the influence of feed and housing on the production of eggs. The marked effects of weather on fattening demonstrates the error which may occur in direct comparison of fattening tests conducted at different periods of the year, or in different seasons.

TABLE 12.—*Individual variation in fattening chickens.*

Number of head.	Kind.	Average weight.		Number of days fed.	Per cent gain.		
		High.	Low.		High.	Low.	Average.
		Pounds.	Pounds.		Per ct.	Per ct.	Per ct.
1,790	Roasters...	4.19	2.58	8	36.4.	4.5	13
1,400	do.....	3.07	2.53	8	25.9	7.6	14
1,216	do.....	3.05	2.70	8	27.0	9.0	14
1,880	Springs....	2.03	1.43	15	55.0	17.0	27
1,080	do.....	1.95	1.62	14	63.0	18.0	29
768	Broilers....	1.89	1.69	14	56.0	12.0	36
320	do.....	1.75	1.23	14	45.0	36.0	39
600	do.....	1.65	1.50	14	53.0	18.0	38
480	do.....	1.76	1.40	14	39.0	31.0	35
320	do.....	1.75	1.61	14	43.0	25.0	41
1,024	Springs....	3.55	2.72	11	29.0	7.0	18
512	Broilers....	1.47	1.34	15	63.0	31.0	44
1,088	Springs....	2.28	1.11	13	67.0	11.0	35
768	do.....	1.58	1.47	14	45.0	30.0	37

In the above work individual records were kept of each battery containing 64 birds. The variation in average weight and in per cent of gains was between batteries of birds fed under the same conditions. The great variation in birds fattened under the same conditions suggests the economical possibility of rejecting certain birds in fattening. A very small per cent of birds called "rangers" were graded out of the receipts at Station 1 and killed without fattening. These birds consisted of black and feather legged stock, Leghorns, and birds out of condition. All black and feather legged birds were kept separate at Station 4 and fed only for a short period during the early part of the feeding season. Much better results could be secured in the fattening stations if only the best birds were selected for fattening, although this would require extra skilled labor for selecting, and involve a different and more complicated system of handling the birds at the packing house.



TYPES OF FEEDERS.

Fig. 1.—A very good feeder. Note the short, thick head. Fig. 2.—A poorer type of feeder. Note crow-like shape of head. Fig. 3.—A "cripple," or bird "off feed."

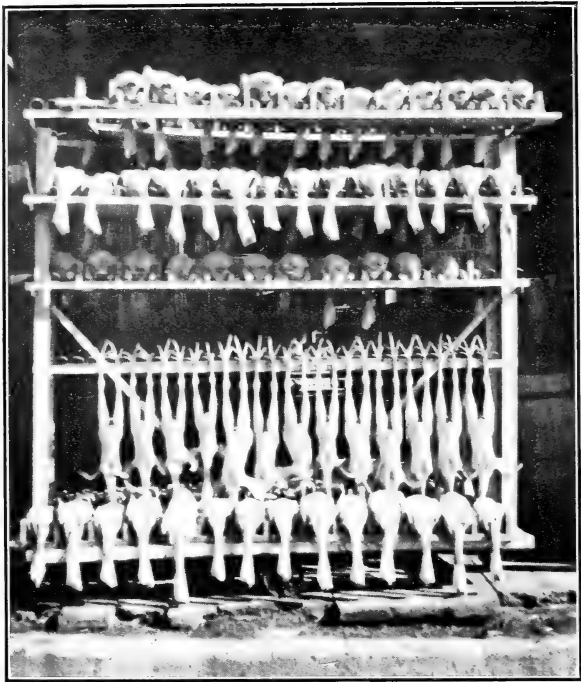


FIG. 1.—RACK FOR SQUATTED AND HANGING DRESSED POULTRY.



FIG. 2.—SPRAYING MACHINE, A LABOR-SAVING DEVICE.



### MIXING MACHINES AND OTHER LABOR-SAVING DEVICES.

The horizontal mixing machine described in Bureau of Animal Industry Bulletin 140 was improved by adding one-third more blades. After this change had been made the feed was mixed more quickly, and the operator could put the dry grain directly into the feeder without previous mixing. Another mixer installed at Station 3 was made on the same plan as the previous machine, except that the blades were arranged as a spiral on the shaft so that in mixing the feed worked toward the center from either end. A mixing machine is a good investment when one is fattening a large number of chickens. The use of labor-saving mechanical devices in fattening stations has enabled one man to care for 4,000 to 5,000 birds. Results secured at these stations show that mechanical features can be used to good advantage in handling poultry commercially, provided the stations are kept clean. Mechanical features, besides saving greatly in the amount of labor, make it possible to use unskilled help in a fattening station. Similar features might be used to good advantage in handling poultry under commercial conditions other than fattening.

### ADVANTAGE OF THE PORTABLE FEEDING BATTERY.

On comparing the results in 1911 at Station 1 (Experiment B), where stationary batteries were used, with those secured at the other stations, we find that the average pound of gain was produced with the smallest amount of feed (3.33 pounds) in this experiment, while the lowest cost of gain was made in Experiment C, due largely to the differences in the price of milk. The cost of labor (per pound gain) in Experiment B averaged considerably higher than at any other station. This increased cost was due to the method of handling the chickens, as the stationary feeding battery involves more handling of the birds than the portable feeding battery (described in Bulletin 140); also to the fact that the manager of this feeding station was a higher paid man than the other managers, and to the cost of an extra man employed to go through the batteries daily, or every day during the poor feeding season in October, November, and December, to remove all the birds "off feed" or sickly. The portable feeding battery unquestionably saves labor and eliminates some of the bruising of the birds caused by rehandling where stationary batteries are used.

### EXPERT LABOR.

An expert manager, who is paid higher wages than the regular labor about a feeding station, is a necessity in the average feeding station, unless the manager of the packing house understands how to fatten chickens and watches the work closely enough so that he

can successfully direct ordinary help which shows some adaptability in feeding chickens and has had some experience in that work. Under ordinary conditions such help, if well selected and properly advised, may secure very good results; but in case of emergency, such as an over-supply of chickens, or extremely hot or cold weather, the expert manager easily proves his extra worth, as it is impossible for the manager of the average poultry house to always be on hand during such occasions. Conclusions drawn from the season's work show that in these cases the cost of the expert labor, combined with the different methods of handling the birds and the extra labor of picking out sick birds and "cripples," made the labor cost per pound of gain considerably higher than at any of the other stations, the average cost of labor per 100 pounds of gain at the stations being \$1.41 at Station 3, \$1.58 at Station 2, \$1.75 at Station 4, and \$2 at Station 1.

### GRADING POULTRY.

Two grades of dressed poultry were made at Station 1—fancy, or No. 1, and choice, or No. 2—with a very small per cent of culls which are not included in these tables. The variation at this station for each successive 20 lots was as follows, the figures given representing the No. 2 grade: 7.9 per cent, 13.5 per cent, 13.4 per cent, 14.8 per cent, 14.7 per cent, 12.8 per cent.

Four grades were made at Station 4, classed as Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4. The No. 1 grade included all fancy dressed poultry which plainly showed the effect of milk feeding, particularly a bleach, which is so characteristic of milk-fed poultry. The second grade was made up of well-bleached poultry, not as well fleshed as the first grade or which had undesirable market features, such as black or feathered legs, dark pin feathers, or not neatly dressed. The third grade included the well-fleshed birds, which were not well bleached, while the fourth grade bore the same relation to the third as the second did the first. The per cent of the several grades was as follows for each successive two weeks during the season: No. 1, 39, 25, 21, 35, 39, 45, and 24; No. 2, 9, 6, 5, 8, 10, 10, and 8; No. 3, 35, 44, 49, 35, 34, 38, and 13; and No. 4, 17, 25, 25, 22, 17, 7, and 55. The per cent of fancy grades varied directly with the per cent of gains in the feeding station, high gains producing a large per cent of the No. 1 grade.

### SHRINKAGE IN DRESSING.

The shrinkage in killing and picking without drawing at Station 1 averaged 11.4 per cent for lots 1 to 20; 13.5 per cent for lots 21 to 40; 13.4 per cent for lots 41 to 60; 14.3 per cent for lots 61 to 80; 15.4 per cent for lots 81 to 100; and 15.1 per cent for lots 101 to 113. The lowest shrinkage was in the broilers, and gradually increased with

the size of the chickens as the feeding season advanced. Batteries weighed when received at the poultry house and reweighed the following morning before the birds were fed, gave an average shrink of 2 per cent. The shrinkage in killing and picking without drawing at this station in 1912 averaged 11.3 per cent for lots 1 to 20; 12.4 per cent for lots 21 to 40; 13.4 per cent for lots 41 to 60; 14.1 per cent for lots 61 to 80; and 14.6 per cent for lots 81 to 100. The shrinkage on hens was 12.9 per cent.

#### INITIAL COST OF CHICKENS AS AFFECTING PROFIT IN FATTENING.

The average cost per pound of the birds into the feeder in Experiment B in 1911 was as follows: Lots 1 to 12, 17.6 cents; lots 13 to 19, 15 cents; lots 20 to 30, 13 cents; lots 31 to 49, 12 cents; lots 50 to 63, 11 cents; lots 64 to 80, 10 cents; lots 81 to 108, 9 cents; and lots 109 to 118, 9.3 cents. The cost of picking, grading, and packing (including freezing) was about 7 cents per head. The gradual decrease of the average cost into the feeder is the reason for feeding longer early in the season, especially as the cheapest gains are made on these first lots; while later the flesh can be bought more cheaply than produced in fattening. For example, an average lot early in the season cost 17.6 cents per pound into the feeder, and the gain in fattening cost 7 cents per pound; an average lot late in the fall costs 9 cents per pound into the feeder, while the gain costs 10.5 cents per pound. The total cost per pound when dressed and packed for this first lot was 20.5 cents; for the other, 13.1 cents; but the first brought a much higher price in the market than the second. These costs were the average extremes of high and low cost, the total dressed costs gradually dropping as the season advanced. The average cost per pound of the birds into the feeding station in Experiment B in 1912 was as follows: Lots 1 to 21, 18 cents; lots 22 to 42, 16 cents; lots 43 to 57, 14.2 cents; lots 58 to 75, 11 cents; lots 76 to 100, 11.2 cents. Average cost per pound for the season 14.05 cents, as compared with 11.5 cents in 1911.

#### RELATION OF GRAIN FED TO MANURE PRODUCED.

Table 13 shows the average grain consumed and amount of manure produced daily per 100 head of chickens in fattening. This is a record of 900 head of birds at Station 1, Experiment B, kept from July 18 to November 16, 1911. These birds were fed a ration of 1 part shorts, 2 parts low-grade wheat flour, and 3 parts corn meal, by weight, with 6 per cent of tallow, mixed with ordinary buttermilk.

TABLE 13.—*Feed consumed by turkeys, 1911, per 100 pounds of live weight.*

Dates.	Average grain fed per 100 head.	Average manure wet daily per 100 head.	Percent of manure to grain.
1911.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Percent.
July 1-31	12.8	12	96.0
Aug. 1-31	10.0	11	100.0
Sept. 1-31	14.0	11	78.6
Oct. 1-31	12.1	12	91.6
Nov. 1-31	12.1	12	123.4
Dec. 1-31	12.1	12	119.8
Jan. 1-31	12.1	12	104.9
Feb. 1-31	14.0	12	110.3
Average.....	14.2	14.7	103.5

The figures in the table vary considerably, although it may be stated that the amount of buttermilk in the feed affects the comparisons by increasing the amount of moisture in the droppings, especially during hot weather. The manure when weighed was soft and wet, so that the dry weight would be very much smaller. The birds eat more feed as they increase in size, especially during cool weather.

#### DIGESTIBLE PROTEIN AND ENERGY VALUES OF THE RATIONS.

The protein and the energy values of the various rations used in these fattening experiments show clearly the effect of thick condensed buttermilk, tallow, and oat flour in fattening. The following prices of grain and milk per 100 pounds were used: Corn meal, \$1.35; low-grade wheat flour, \$1.35; wheat shorts, \$1.28; oat flour, \$2.25; condensed buttermilk, \$1; and ordinary buttermilk, \$0.25. Farmers' Bulletin 348, United States Department of Agriculture, entitled "The Computation of Rations for Farm Animals by the Use of Energy Values," was used in deriving the protein and energy values of these feeds. Sixty per cent of the total feed was estimated as buttermilk in figuring the effect of the buttermilk on the energy value of the feed.

TABLE 14.—*Digestible protein and energy value per 100 pounds of rations used.*

Ration No.	Composition (ratios parts by weight).	Digestible protein.	Energy value.	Cost.
		Pounds.	Therms.	
1	3 parts corn meal, 1 part low-grade wheat flour.....	8.11	86.41	\$1.35
2	3 parts corn meal, 2 parts oat flour, 1 part tallow.....	8.82	87.08	1.71
3	3 parts corn meal, 2 parts low-grade wheat flour, 1 part shorts.....	9.76	84.95	1.94
4	3 parts corn meal, 2 parts low-grade wheat flour, 1 part shorts.....	8.74	85.50	1.94
5	3 parts corn meal, 1 part oat flour, 1 part tallow, 1 part low-grade wheat flour.....	8.72	89.22	1.58
6	100 pounds rat. N. 1, with condensed buttermilk and 3 diluted 15 parts with water.....	19.71	117.35	1.95
7	100 pounds rat. N. 1, with ordinary buttermilk and 3 per cent tallow.....	14.29	114.50	2.40
8	100 pounds rat. N. 1, with ordinary buttermilk.....	14.76	100.41	1.71

Rations Nos. 1, 3, and 4 have a feeding value about equal to ration No. 2 at 36 and 37 cents less per 100 pounds, due largely to the price of oat flour. Ration No. 1 fed with condensed buttermilk diluted with one and one-half parts of water has a much higher feeding value than any of the other rations fed with ordinary buttermilk, at a slightly lower cost than ration No. 2. Rations Nos. 1 and 3 as fed proved in feeding to be the most economical rations, while ration No. 4 gave very good results in cool weather, late in the feeding season.

TABLE 15.—Comparison of the different rations on the basis of the cost per pound of gain.

Ration No.	Gain.	Grain.		Buttermilk.		Total cost.
		Amount.	Cost.	Amount.	Cost.	
	<i>Pound.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>		<i>Pounds.</i>		
1	1	3.63	\$0.049	<sup>1</sup> 2.72	\$0.0272	\$0.0762
2	1	3.33	.0676	4.99	.0125	.0801
3	1	4.17	.0559	6.27	.0157	.0716
1a	1	4.20	.0567	<sup>1</sup> 2.52	.0252	.0819

<sup>1</sup> Condensed.

Ration No. 1 was fed with condensed buttermilk diluted with 1 part of water, Nos. 2 and 3 were mixed with ordinary buttermilk, and No. 1a is ration No. 1 fed with condensed buttermilk diluted with one and one-half parts of water. Ration No. 2 was fed with 6 per cent of tallow. These costs are figured on a uniform price of milk and grains at all of the stations, while the costs of gains in each experiment is the actual cost at each feeding station, where the price of buttermilk and grain varied. The amount and cost of the grain and buttermilk per pound of gain at each of the feeding stations is given in Table 16.

#### COMPARISON OF EXPERIMENTS OF 1910, 1911, AND 1912.

Table 16 gives the average results of the feeding experiments covering three years at the four feeding stations, during which time 1,196,646 birds were fed. The lots in Experiment A were fed longer in 1911 than in 1910, which explains the increased cost of the gains during 1911. The ration in Experiment B was cheaper in 1911 than in 1910; the feeding station was run at full capacity during 1911, which reduced the labor cost compared with 1910, when the station was not full. The milk used in Experiment C was much cheaper than that in Experiment B, which lowered the cost of gains in Experiment C. The price of the grains was higher in 1912 than in 1911, especially in Experiments C and D, which increased the cost of gain. Feather picking resulted in much loss of gain in Experiments A, C, and D. The results secured in Experiment C were better, while those in Experiments A and D were not as good as those produced in 1911.

TABLE 16.—Comparative data of feeding experiments of 1910, 1911, and 1912.

Experiment.	Year.	Number of head.	Average weight.	Average per cent of gain.	Average grain per pound of gain.	Average cost of feed per pound of gain.	Average cost of labor per pound of gain.	Average total cost per pound of gain.
			<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Pounds.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
A	1910	43,944	2.42	18.1	3.26	6.45	1.40	7.85
	1911	60,144	2.47	18.6	3.62	7.83	1.35	9.18
	1912	90,069	2.44	18.6	4.42	8.74	1.63	10.37
B	1910	61,706	2.52	18.7	3.26	7.74	2.59	10.33
	1911	102,684	2.56	26.0	3.33	7.20	2.90	9.20
	1912	90,000	2.86	29.7	3.58	7.70	1.99	9.69
C	1910	113,217	.....	20.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911	117,151	2.48	20.4	4.45	7.15	1.81	8.96
	1912	211,590	2.21	20.7	3.72	6.61	1.37	7.98
D	1910	89,819	.....	20.1	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1911	109,890	2.68	18.9	4.58	8.71	1.56	10.27
	1912	107,052	2.69	15.7	4.98	9.95	1.59	11.54

## CONCLUSIONS.

The average cost and the amount of feed consumed in fattening 394,744 chickens at the four feeding experiments in alphabetical order during the season of 1911 were, respectively, as follows: Grain per pound of gain, 3.62, 3.33, 4.45, and 4.18 pounds; cost of feed per pound of gain, 7.83, 7.20, 7.15, and 8.71 cents; total cost per pound of gain, 9.18, 9.20, 8.96, and 10.27 cents. The averages in 1912 for 498,681 chickens were: Grain per pound of gain, 4.42, 3.58, 3.72, and 4.98 pounds; cost of feed per pound of gain, 8.74, 7.70, 6.61, and 9.95 cents; total cost per pound of gain, 10.37, 9.69, 7.98, and 11.54 cents.

Tallow, while making the fat on the birds more pronounced, increased the cost of gains. Thick condensed buttermilk in place of tallow produced better results.

Oat flour produced greater gains than low-grade wheat flour, but the latter feed produced cheaper gains.

Beef scraps added to the buttermilk in a fattening ration did not increase the gain. The addition of condimental feeds did not increase the appetite of the birds or help the gains. Grit is of no value in fattening for any period under 15 days.

Under commercial conditions in the Middle West the best results are secured by fattening for about 14 days until the middle of September, and then gradually shortening the period to 6 or 7 days.

The birds ate more feed on three feeds a day but used feed more efficiently when fed only twice.

Mechanical labor-saving devices reduced the cost of fattening by reducing both the total amount of labor and the proportion of skilled labor required. The portable feeding battery turned out the birds in better condition and reduced the cost of labor per pound of gain.

Gains were produced at 1.89 and 1.41 cents, respectively, per pound cheaper in 1911, and 6.30 and 2.68 cents less in 1912 on broilers than on roasters, in two experiments.

There was great variation in the results secured in fattening. This was due to the difference in the ability of the birds to take on flesh, to their weight, and to the effect of weather conditions. The variation in birds makes their selection in fattening of considerable importance, if the labor of the extra work can be handled economically. The influence of the weather in fattening allows a chance of error in comparing fattening experiments conducted at different times.

The bleach produced by fattening with buttermilk varies according to the amount of milk solids consumed by the birds.

The average cost of fattening hens in November and December was 10.92 and 8.74 cents in 1911 and 10.83 and 10.43 cents in 1912, respectively, per pound of gain at two stations. This is higher than the average cost of fattening chickens for the entire season at the same stations but less than the cost of fattening chickens in November and December. Hens cost 7.7 cents per pound in 1911 and 10.3 cents in 1912, into the feeder, so that their flesh can be bought cheaper than produced at this time of the year. Cheaper gains were secured in fattening hens in 1911 on the rations used in fattening chickens than on a ration of corn chop with 15 per cent of shorts mixed with buttermilk.

Chickens cost 17.6 cents per pound into the feeder in July, 1911, while the gains cost 7 cents per pound at this time; in November, 1911, they cost 9 cents per pound into the feeder, and the gains cost 10.5 cents per pound. This influences the profit in fattening and the best length of time to fatten, making it advisable to feed longer in the first part of the season. The cost of picking, grading, and packing (including freezing) was about 7 cents per head, making the total average cost of a pound of dressed poultry in July, 20.5 cents, which gradually decreased through the season to 13.1 cents in November, 1911.

The best results were secured with the following three rations: No. 1, 3 parts of corn meal, 2 parts of low-grade wheat flour, and 1 part of shorts; No. 2, 3 parts of corn meal and 2 parts of low-grade wheat flour, and No. 3, 5 parts of corn meal, 3 parts of low-grade wheat flour, 1 part of shorts, and 5 per cent of tallow. The same feeding value is secured in a ration of 3 parts of corn meal and 2 parts of oat flour but at an increased cost of 37 cents per 100 pounds of gain. Four parts of corn meal, 2 of low-grade wheat flour, and 1 of shorts gave very good results during the latter part of the feeding season, or in cool weather; that is, the proportion of corn meal and low-grade wheat flour may be increased in cool weather.

## APPENDIX.

Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912.

EXPERIMENT A, STATION 3, 1911.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
			Pounds.	Pounds.			Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1	Broilers...	1,430	1,913	1.3	July 27 to July 31...	11	1,916	2,409	496	26	35	20	3.86	7.87	1.32	9.39
2	do.	560	1,114	1.3	July 23 to July 31...	9	623	926	312	30	38	5	2.99	6.08	1.09	7.17
3	do.	1,250	2,142	1.7	July 26 to Aug. 3...	9	1,510	2,531	389	18	30	8	3.88	7.67	1.38	9.05
4	do.	640	1,116	1.7	July 27 to Aug. 4...	9	755	1,316	200	18	31	2	3.78	7.59	1.44	9.03
5	do.	1,120	1,894	1.7	July 28 to Aug. 6...	10	1,456	2,392	498	26	45	5	2.92	5.89	1.22	7.11
6	Springers...	720	1,289	1.8	July 29 to Aug. 7...	10	929	1,533	244	19	34	6	3.81	7.67	1.65	9.32
7	Broilers...	960	1,660	1.7	July 30 to Aug. 7...	9	1,114	2,018	358	22	37	7	3.11	6.27	1.39	7.06
8	do.	640	958	1.5	July 31 to Aug. 10...	11	832	1,174	216	23	34	9	3.85	8.15	2.01	10.16
9	Springers...	800	1,398	1.8	Aug. 2 to Aug. 10...	9	824	1,683	294	24	37	2	2.80	6.01	1.58	7.59
10	Broilers...	560	965	1.6	Aug. 3 to Aug. 11...	9	560	1,080	184	20	33	3	3.04	6.79	1.86	8.65
11	Springers...	720	1,361	1.9	Aug. 4 to Aug. 13...	10	792	1,504	140	10	19	11	5.05	13.01	3.65	16.66
12	do.	640	1,194	1.9	Aug. 6 to Aug. 13...	8	550	1,373	179	15	28	4	3.07	7.15	2.04	9.19
13	do.	639	1,137	1.8	Aug. 8 to Aug. 15...	8	543	1,322	185	16	29	2	2.94	7.15	2.18	9.33
14	do.	556	1,051	1.9	Aug. 9 to Aug. 17...	9	523	1,203	152	14	27	9	3.44	8.63	2.60	11.23
15	do.	480	954	2.0	Aug. 12 to Aug. 20...	9	499	1,142	188	20	39	2	2.65	6.61	1.76	8.37
16	do.	800	1,522	1.9	Aug. 6 to Aug. 24...	9	960	1,920	398	26	50	5	2.41	5.93	1.27	7.29
17	do.	630	1,268	2.0	Aug. 17 to Aug. 27...	11	1,005	1,616	318	27	54	3	2.89	6.91	1.43	8.34
18	do.	560	1,056	1.9	Aug. 18 to Aug. 28...	11	924	1,402	246	33	62	1	2.67	6.25	1.29	7.54
19	do.	400	855	2.1	Aug. 22 to Aug. 31...	10	654	1,055	200	24	53	3	3.32	7.40	1.52	8.92
20	do.	560	1,110	2.0	Aug. 23 to Sept. 1...	10	924	1,407	297	27	53	4	3.11	6.92	1.47	8.30
21	do.	640	1,342	2.1	Aug. 26 to Sept. 4...	10	1,056	1,638	296	22	46		3.37	7.50	1.53	9.03
22	do.	560	1,195	2.1	Aug. 27 to Sept. 5...	10	930	1,490	295	25	53		3.15	6.47	1.35	7.82
23	do.	640	1,411	2.2	Aug. 31 to Sept. 12...	13	1,344	1,783	372	36	58		3.61	7.14	1.39	8.53
24	do.	640	1,417	2.2	Sept. 3 to Sept. 13...	11	1,133	1,900	383	27	60		2.93	6.08	1.10	6.78
25	do.	1,040	2,181	2.1	Sept. 6 to Sept. 15...	10	1,002	2,705	524	24	50	6	3.05	5.94	1.21	7.15
26	do.	720	1,574	2.2	Sept. 7 to Sept. 16...	10	1,102	1,953	379	24	53	4	2.91	5.66	1.10	6.76
27	do.	1,520	2,715	1.8	Sept. 8 to Sept. 18...	11	2,558	3,333	618	23	41	17	4.11	7.77	1.52	9.29
28	do.	720	1,592	2.2	Sept. 9 to Sept. 18...	10	1,066	1,879	287	18	40	8	3.71	7.02	1.38	8.40
29	do.	1,360	2,893	2.1	Sept. 10 to Sept. 19...	10	2,067	3,480	596	24	44	13	3.47	7.81	1.28	7.81
30	do.	640	1,338	2.1	Sept. 12 to Sept. 24...	13	1,350	1,622	284	21	44	4	4.75	8.83	1.60	10.43



31	do	Sept. 13 to Sept. 24	2.3	1,631	720	1,411	1,924	293	18	41	6	4.82	8.99	1.02	10.61
32	do	Sept. 15 to Sept. 26	2.6	3,722	1,440	2,952	4,341	619	17	43	5	4.77	8.77	1.49	10.26
33	do	Sept. 16 to Sept. 26	2.6	3,739	1,600	3,024	4,469	730	20	46	24	4.14	7.65	1.27	8.92
34	do	Sept. 17 to Sept. 28	2.5	1,906	880	1,848	2,290	353	19	40	11	5.22	9.45	1.62	11.07
35	do	Sept. 20 to Sept. 28	2.5	1,790	720	1,152	2,043	254	14	35	4	4.55	8.14	1.37	9.51
36	do	Sept. 22 to Sept. 28	2.3	1,757	768	945	2,014	257	15	33	10	3.68	1.11	6.51	7.62
37	do	Sept. 23 to Oct. 1	2.9	1,851	640	1,011	2,157	306	17	48	2	3.30	1.09	5.71	6.80
38	do	Sept. 24 to Oct. 1	2.8	1,584	576	795	2,255	255	16	44	2	3.12	1.06	5.40	6.46
39	do	Sept. 25 to Oct. 3	2.8	1,792	684	689	2,109	317	18	49	0	2.17	7.77	3.82	4.59
40	do	Sept. 28 to Oct. 3	2.8	3,741	1,320	2,495	4,128	787	21	60	16	3.17	1.02	6.74	7.76
41	do	Oct. 1 to Oct. 10	2.8	1,810	640	979	2,154	344	19	54	4	2.85	.91	6.34	7.25
42	do	Oct. 3 to Oct. 10	2.8	2,766	960	1,450	3,294	528	19	55	4	2.75	.91	6.24	7.15
43	do	Oct. 4 to Oct. 11	2.9	2,434	832	1,107	2,815	381	16	46	1	2.91	1.01	6.68	7.69
44	Broilers	Oct. 6 to Oct. 12	1.7	852	501	1,388	1,905	353	41	70	10	3.93	1.38	8.66	10.04
45	do	Oct. 1 to Oct. 18	1.6	379	240	622	550	171	45	71	0	3.64	1.33	8.48	9.81
46	do	Oct. 5 to Oct. 22	1.5	731	480	1,498	1,021	290	40	60	7	5.16	1.80	12.13	13.93
47	Roasters	Oct. 7 to Oct. 13	3.0	2,862	960	1,258	3,328	466	16	49	7	2.70	.99	6.24	7.23
48	do	Oct. 8 to Oct. 17	3.0	3,860	1,280	2,342	4,464	604	16	47	7	3.88	1.46	9.16	10.62
49	Broilers	Oct. 8 to Oct. 23	1.5	473	320	934	675	202	43	63	5	4.62	1.63	12.40	14.03
50	Roasters	Oct. 11 to Oct. 19	2.9	2,760	960	1,565	3,326	566	21	59	4	2.77	1.05	6.95	8.00
51	Broilers	Oct. 11 to Oct. 24	1.6	394	240	612	546	152	39	63	2	4.03	1.41	9.55	10.96
52	Roasters	Oct. 12 to Oct. 20	3.0	2,330	768	1,236	2,662	332	14	43	4	3.72	1.39	8.91	10.30
53	do	Oct. 13 to Oct. 20	3.1	2,365	768	1,091	2,666	301	13	39	6	3.62	1.35	8.70	10.05
54	do	Oct. 14 to Oct. 22	3.2	2,419	768	1,244	2,962	543	23	71	0	2.29	.78	5.49	6.27
55	do	Oct. 15 to Oct. 23	3.5	3,821	961	1,586	3,992	671	20	70	0	2.36	.77	5.64	6.41
56	do	Oct. 18 to Oct. 24	3.2	4,094	1,280	1,651	4,466	372	9	29	0	4.44	1.38	10.39	11.77
57	Broilers	Oct. 18 to Oct. 31	1.6	872	556	1,434	1,088	216	25	39	29	6.64	2.11	15.50	17.61
58	Roasters	Oct. 19 to Oct. 25	3.2	2,680	836	1,080	2,986	306	11	37	0	3.53	1.04	8.26	9.30
59	Broilers	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2	1.6	528	337	870	710	182	34	54	11	4.78	1.55	11.17	12.72
60	Roasters	Oct. 20 to Oct. 26	3.1	6,643	2,120	2,756	7,627	984	15	46	12	2.80	.82	6.51	7.33
61	do	Oct. 21 to Oct. 29	3.1	1,975	640	1,107	2,250	275	14	43	1	4.03	1.23	9.29	10.52
62	do	Oct. 22 to Oct. 29	3.0	5,488	1,840	2,815	6,063	575	10	31	22	4.90	1.50	11.23	12.73
63	Broilers	Oct. 22 to Nov. 6	1.8	513	290	879	672	159	31	55	2	5.53	1.84	12.87	14.71
64	Roasters	Oct. 24 to Oct. 30	3.1	4,596	1,470	1,940	5,219	623	14	42	38	3.11	1.01	7.17	8.18
65	do	Oct. 25 to Oct. 31	3.2	3,259	1,020	1,316	3,538	279	9	27	26	4.72	1.53	10.46	12.46
66	do	Oct. 26 to Nov. 1	3.2	3,725	1,170	1,509	4,100	375	10	32	22	4.02	1.41	9.39	10.80
67	do	Oct. 28 to Nov. 2	3.1	2,315	748	808	2,489	174	8	23	16	4.64	1.72	10.96	12.68
68	do	Oct. 29 to Nov. 6	3.3	2,770	832	1,414	3,201	431	16	52	5	3.28	1.16	7.70	8.86
69	do	Nov. 1 to Nov. 7	3.4	4,301	1,280	1,766	4,744	443	10	35	18	3.99	1.39	9.45	10.84
70	do	Nov. 4 to Nov. 9	3.2	2,251	704	817	2,529	278	12	39	8	2.94	.89	6.81	7.83
71	do	Nov. 5 to Nov. 11	3.3	6,116	1,850	2,442	6,919	803	13	43	0	3.04	1.04	7.14	8.18

## Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912 (Continued.)

EXPERIMENT A, STATION 3, 1912.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
							Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1	Broilers...	790	1,401	1.52	Aug. 6 to Aug. 19...	14	1,319	1,600	409	34	57		3.27	6.50	1.00	7.69
2	Springers...	560	1,014	1.81	Aug. 8 to Aug. 20...	13	963	1,230	216	24	39	18	4.46	8.81	1.53	10.37
3	do...	720	1,300	1.82	Aug. 9 to Aug. 21...	13	1,238	1,600	204	22	40		4.25	8.39	1.48	9.87
4	Broilers...	720	1,261	1.75	Aug. 13 to Aug. 22...	10	650	1,619	358	28	50		2.65	5.09	1.03	6.12
5	Springers...	1,120	2,032	1.81	Aug. 15 to Aug. 23...	9	1,366	2,344	312	15	28		4.38	8.22	1.65	9.87
6	Broilers...	1,200	2,044	1.70	Aug. 17 to Aug. 25...	9	1,302	2,469	416	29	35	8	3.35	6.40	1.36	7.76
7	Springers...	2,180	4,465	1.80	Aug. 16 to Aug. 26...	11	3,417	4,416	651	15	26	18	5.29	10.06	2.13	12.19
8	Broilers...	720	1,689	1.65	Aug. 18 to Aug. 27...	10	871	1,438	249	24	35	7	3.50	6.77	1.47	8.24
9	Springers...	1,010	1,849	1.78	Aug. 19 to Aug. 27...	9	1,123	2,202	353	19	34	13	3.18	6.25	1.39	7.64
10	do...	720	1,374	1.91	Aug. 20 to Aug. 28...	9	770	1,583	209	15	29	15	3.68	7.23	1.72	8.95
11	Broilers...	1,320	2,440	1.61	Aug. 23 to Sept. 2...	11	2,098	2,869	429	18	28	11	4.89	9.35	2.30	11.65
12	do...	2,240	3,690	1.65	Aug. 23 to Sept. 3...	12	3,360	4,632	942	26	42	19	3.57	6.82	1.66	8.48
13	do...	1,440	2,446	1.70	Aug. 23 to Sept. 4...	13	2,318	3,145	699	29	49	18	3.32	6.39	1.59	7.98
14	Springers...	1,360	2,417	1.78	Aug. 26 to Sept. 5...	11	1,809	3,041	614	25	45	10	2.95	5.76	1.48	7.24
15	do...	720	1,409	1.96	Aug. 28 to Sept. 8...	12	1,087	1,749	340	24	47	7	3.20	6.35	1.50	7.85
16	do...	1,040	1,835	1.76	Aug. 29 to Sept. 8...	11	1,446	2,258	423	41	41		3.42	6.81	1.57	8.38
17	do...	960	1,783	1.86	Aug. 30 to Sept. 10...	12	1,469	2,108	385	40	40	2	3.82	7.56	1.70	9.26
18	do...	800	1,556	2.07	Aug. 31 to Sept. 10...	11	1,104	1,938	282	17	35	3	3.92	7.80	1.76	9.56
19	do...	880	1,703	2.00	Sept. 3 to Sept. 12...	10	1,100	2,077	314	18	36	8	3.50	7.17	1.54	8.71
20	do...	1,600	3,028	1.89	Sept. 4 to Sept. 15...	12	2,528	3,797	769	25	48	12	3.29	6.72	1.48	8.20
21	do...	720	1,507	2.09	Sept. 5 to Sept. 17...	13	1,296	1,979	472	31	66	5	2.75	5.67	1.17	6.84
22	do...	720	1,599	2.22	Sept. 7 to Sept. 19...	13	1,382	2,047	448	28	62	6	3.08	6.32	1.24	7.59
23	do...	556	1,102	2.09	Sept. 6 to Sept. 19...	14	1,134	1,543	381	33	63	2	2.98	6.06	1.27	7.30
24	do...	800	1,639	2.05	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20...	11	1,360	2,112	473	29	50		2.88	5.85	1.15	7.00
25	do...	1,360	2,635	1.94	Sept. 11 to Sept. 22...	12	2,598	3,462	827	31	61	24	3.14	6.41	1.20	7.61
26	do...	1,120	2,275	2.03	Sept. 12 to Sept. 23...	12	2,139	2,816	541	24	48	27	3.95	8.14	1.53	9.67
27	Broilers...	800	1,402	1.75	Sept. 13 to Sept. 23...	11	1,400	1,730	328	23	41	24	4.27	8.76	1.66	10.42
28	Springers...	1,040	2,104	2.08	Sept. 14 to Sept. 24...	11	1,850	2,787	626	29	60	21	2.92	6.08	1.10	7.18
29	do...	720	1,547	2.15	Sept. 14 to Sept. 25...	12	1,382	1,992	445	29	62	12	3.11	6.39	1.46	7.56
30	do...	720	1,588	2.21	Sept. 16 to Sept. 25...	10	1,145	1,901	316	20	44	4	3.62	7.50	1.35	8.86

31	do.	1,280	2,797	2,19	Sept. 17 to Sept. 26.	10	2,022	3,466	669	24	52	10	3,02	6,24	1,09	7,33
32	do.	1,800	1,771	2,21	Sept. 18 to Sept. 28.	12	1,560	2,254	483	27	60	10	3,23	6,56	1,11	7,67
33	do.	1,360	2,774	2,04	Sept. 20 to Sept. 30.	11	2,434	3,577	803	29	59	23	3,03	6,10	1,02	7,12
34	do.	1,330	2,322	2,27	Sept. 23 to Oct. 1.	9	1,358	2,097	375	16	40	4	3,62	7,52	1,24	8,56
35	do.	1,280	2,905	2,27	Sept. 21 to Oct. 1.	11	2,304	3,743	838	29	66	4	2,75	5,56	.92	6,48
36	do.	720	1,479	2,05	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2.	14	1,649	1,986	507	34	70	8	3,25	6,88	1,09	7,67
37	do.	1,040	2,168	2,08	Sept. 24 to Oct. 2.	9	1,550	2,069	501	23	48	8	3,09	6,14	1,02	7,10
38	do.	1,280	2,790	2,18	Sept. 24 to Oct. 3.	9	2,074	3,318	528	19	43	19	3,85	7,83	1,28	9,16
39	do.	960	2,267	2,36	Sept. 25 to Oct. 3.	9	1,421	2,541	274	12	29	14	3,18	10,27	1,68	11,95
40	do.	720	1,737	2,41	Sept. 25 to Oct. 4.	9	1,166	2,106	369	21	51	14	3,16	6,26	1,01	7,27
41	do.	1,200	2,491	2,08	Sept. 27 to Oct. 6.	10	1,956	2,986	485	20	41	6	3,95	7,71	1,19	8,90
42	do.	1,360	3,124	2,30	Sept. 28 to Oct. 7.	10	2,203	3,820	696	22	51	10	3,17	6,19	.92	7,11
43	do.	1,360	3,513	2,58	Sept. 30 to Oct. 8.	12	1,904	3,987	474	13	35	12	4,02	7,89	1,23	9,12
44	do.	720	1,855	2,58	Oct. 1 to Oct. 8.	8	2,067	2,893	251	29	8,25	6	4,21	8,25	1,29	9,54
45	do.	321	724	2,26	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9.	21	1,072	975	251	35	78	4	4,27	8,51	1,39	9,90
46	do.	1,280	3,144	2,46	Oct. 1 to Oct. 9.	9	1,766	3,527	383	12	30	13	4,61	9,02	1,44	10,46
47	do.	1,280	3,032	2,37	Oct. 3 to Oct. 11.	9	1,690	3,580	548	18	43	7	3,08	6,00	.96	6,96
48	do.	1,120	2,871	2,56	Oct. 4 to Oct. 13.	10	1,770	3,412	541	19	48	7	3,27	6,29	.97	7,26
49	Springers.	2,240	5,249	2,39	Oct. 5 to Oct. 14.	10	3,651	6,579	1,330	25	59	25	2,75	5,27	.84	6,11
50	do.	2,880	2,212	2,51	Oct. 7 to Oct. 15.	9	1,338	2,655	443	20	50	2	3,02	5,82	.99	6,31
51	do.	1,600	4,020	2,51	Oct. 8 to Oct. 16.	9	2,496	4,617	597	15	37	8	5,18	8,04	1,42	9,46
52	do.	1,800	2,070	2,59	Oct. 9 to Oct. 16.	8	1,120	2,396	326	16	41	13	3,44	6,03	1,15	7,78
53	do.	1,280	3,521	2,75	Oct. 11 to Oct. 17.	7	1,715	4,048	527	15	41	7	3,25	6,22	1,09	7,31
54	do.	1,640	1,531	2,39	Oct. 12 to Oct. 20.	9	1,114	1,867	336	22	53	4	3,32	6,42	1,10	7,52
55	do.	1,440	3,895	2,71	Oct. 13 to Oct. 21.	9	2,506	4,466	571	15	40	9	4,39	8,52	1,49	10,01
56	do.	880	2,309	2,62	Oct. 15 to Oct. 21.	7	1,197	2,692	383	17	44	9	3,13	6,09	1,06	7,15
57	do.	800	2,225	2,78	Oct. 16 to Oct. 24.	9	1,408	2,720	495	22	62	42	2,84	5,45	.95	6,40
58	do.	1,680	4,735	2,82	Oct. 16 to Oct. 25.	10	3,293	5,440	705	15	40	7	4,67	8,96	1,55	10,51
59	do.	2,720	7,840	2,88	Oct. 17 to Oct. 27.	11	5,739	8,850	1,010	13	37	65	5,68	10,93	1,80	12,73
60	Roasters.	1,360	4,138	3,04	Oct. 18 to Oct. 28.	11	2,842	4,676	538	13	40	41	5,28	10,19	1,67	11,86
61	do.	720	2,204	3,06	Oct. 19 to Oct. 28.	10	1,882	2,518	314	14	44	12	4,40	8,46	1,33	9,79
62	do.	1,120	3,460	3,09	Oct. 20 to Oct. 30.	11	2,852	3,988	528	15	47	27	4,45	8,51	1,34	9,85
63	do.	880	2,755	3,13	Oct. 21 to Nov. 1.	9	1,514	3,148	393	14	45	11	3,85	7,46	1,17	8,63
64	do.	560	1,739	3,11	Oct. 23 to Nov. 1.	10	1,070	1,908	229	13	41	9	4,67	9,05	1,42	10,47
65	do.	800	2,636	3,30	Oct. 25 to Nov. 3.	10	1,480	2,858	222	8	28	16	6,07	12,94	2,13	15,07
66	Broilers.	480	946	1,91	Oct. 21 to Nov. 3.	14	1,272	1,187	271	30	56	9	4,69	9,01	1,52	10,53
67	Roasters.	480	1,446	3,01	Oct. 26 to Nov. 4.	10	893	1,596	150	10	31	7	5,85	11,49	1,99	13,48
68	do.	960	3,082	3,21	Oct. 26 to Nov. 4.	10	1,786	3,438	356	12	37	13	5,02	9,68	1,67	11,35
69	Broilers.	436	773	1,77	Oct. 24 to Nov. 6.	14	1,147	1,055	282	37	65	24	4,07	7,87	1,41	9,28
70	Roasters.	1,360	4,348	3,20	Oct. 30 to Nov. 7.	9	2,244	4,621	273	6	20	15	8,22	15,94	3,14	19,08
71	do.	800	2,578	3,22	Oct. 31 to Nov. 10.	11	1,624	2,741	163	6	20	19	9,96	19,29	3,78	23,07
72	Broilers.	288	489	1,70	Oct. 30 to Nov. 12.	14	1,743	3,657	168	34	58	3	4,42	8,63	1,61	10,24
73	Roasters.	800	2,533	3,17	Nov. 3 to Nov. 12.	9	1,464	2,780	247	10	31	8	5,94	11,50	2,23	13,73
74	do.	1,280	4,259	3,33	Nov. 6 to Nov. 14.	9	2,061	4,487	228	5	18	40	9,03	17,46	3,43	20,89
75	do.	1,040	3,705	3,56	Nov. 7 to Nov. 14.	8	1,498	3,889	184	5	18	10	8,14	15,77	3,11	18,88

*Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912—Continued.*

EXPERIMENT A, STATION 3, 1912—Continued.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight lb.	Average weight lb.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
			Pounds.		1912.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
76	Roasters...	640	2,224	3.48	Nov. 9 to Nov. 15...	7	800	2,352	108	5	17	17	7.40	14.29	2.79	17.08
77	do.	1,520	4,923	3.24	Nov. 10 to Nov. 17...	8	2,341	5,236	313	6	21	21	7.48	14.13	2.67	16.80
78	do.	720	2,403	3.34	Nov. 12 to Nov. 18...	7	979	2,406	283	4	13	13	10.53	19.35	4.02	23.37
79	do.	1,350	4,003	3.38	Nov. 13 to Nov. 19...	7	1,863	5,228	625	14	4	18	2.98	5.42	1.13	6.55
80	do.	576	2,044	3.55	Nov. 14 to Nov. 20...	7	806	2,183	139	7	24	24	5.80	10.45	2.12	12.57
81	do.	748	2,690	3.60	Nov. 16 to Nov. 21...	6	913	2,869	169	6	23	23	5.40	9.60	1.91	11.51
82	Broilers...	288	468	1.63	Nov. 10 to Nov. 24...	15	786	623	155	33	54	9	5.07	15.07	1.82	11.19
83	Roasters...	1,560	5,152	3.31	Nov. 17 to Nov. 24...	8	2,122	5,412	254	5	16	25	8.35	15.65	2.95	18.00
84	do.	3,300	10,389	3.06	Nov. 17 to Nov. 25...	9	5,255	11,001	612	6	18	155	8.59	15.51	2.99	18.50
85	do.	816	2,839	3.48	Nov. 21 to Nov. 29...	9	1,281	3,038	190	7	24	17	6.44	11.73	2.09	13.82

EXPERIMENT B, STATION 1, 1911.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight lb.	Average weight lb.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
			Pounds.		1911.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1	Springers...	900	1,645	1.8	July 15 to July 28...	14	1,566	2,259	614	37	68	5	2.55	4.44	2.00	6.44
2	do.	900	1,601	1.8	July 16 to July 30...	15	1,656	2,187	586	37	65	5	2.83	4.83	1.78	6.61
3	Broilers...	900	1,512	1.7	July 19 to Aug. 1...	14	1,558	2,135	623	41	67	7	2.50	4.38	1.49	5.87
4	do.	900	1,565	1.7	July 20 to Aug. 2...	14	1,521	2,171	606	39	69	7	2.51	4.40	1.41	5.81
5	Springers...	900	1,651	1.8	July 21 to Aug. 3...	14	1,539	2,279	628	38	70	7	2.45	4.39	1.32	5.71
6	do.	900	1,696	1.9	July 21 to Aug. 5...	16	1,746	2,167	471	28	52	7	3.71	6.76	2.07	8.83
7	Broilers...	900	1,472	1.6	July 22 to Aug. 6...	16	1,827	2,174	702	48	78	7	2.60	4.75	1.39	6.14
8	Springers...	900	1,373	1.5	July 23 to Aug. 7...	16	1,755	2,201	628	40	70	10	2.79	5.11	1.51	6.62
9	Broilers...	900	1,370	1.5	July 23 to Aug. 7...	17	1,872	2,010	640	47	71	5	2.93	5.58	1.58	6.96
10	Springers...	900	1,671	1.9	July 23 to Aug. 7...	17	1,872	2,270	599	36	67	7	3.13	5.75	1.70	7.45
11	do.	900	1,590	1.8	July 23 to Aug. 8...	17	1,919	2,133	543	34	60	8	3.53	6.69	1.96	8.56
12	do.	900	1,600	1.8	July 23 to Aug. 8...	17	1,872	2,128	528	33	59	5	3.55	6.29	1.97	8.26
13	Broilers...	900	1,403	1.6	July 25 to Aug. 9...	16	1,869	1,948	545	39	61	29	3.41	6.55	2.02	8.57
14	Springers...	900	1,629	1.8	July 26 to Aug. 10...	16	1,730	2,013	414	25	46	17	4.18	8.28	2.69	10.97
15	do.	900	1,729	1.9	July 27 to Aug. 11...	16	1,714	2,109	470	27	52	4	3.65	7.34	2.49	9.83
16	do.	900	1,706	1.9	July 29 to Aug. 13...	16	1,629	2,207	561	33	62	11	2.90	6.01	2.12	8.13
17	do.	900	1,750	1.9	July 31 to Aug. 14...	15	1,485	2,237	487	28	54	11	3.05	6.59	2.40	8.99
18	do.	900	1,887	2.1	Aug. 2 to Aug. 15...	14	1,368	2,328	441	23	44	14	3.10	6.90	2.53	9.43
19	do.	900	1,740	1.9	Aug. 3 to Aug. 16...	14	1,359	2,182	442	25	49	13	3.07	6.99	2.57	9.56
20	do.	900	1,867	2.1	Aug. 4 to Aug. 17...	14	1,359	2,274	407	22	45	7	3.34	7.08	2.83	10.51

21	do.	1,957	2,2	Aug. 5 to Aug. 18	14	1,350	2,312	355	18	39	.....	3,80	8,90	3,30	12,20
22	do.	2,027	2,3	Aug. 7 to Aug. 20	14	1,395	2,422	395	20	44	19	3,53	8,41	2,90	11,40
23	do.	1,925	2,1	Aug. 8 to Aug. 22	15	1,539	2,335	410	21	46	8	3,75	8,02	3,15	12,17
24	do.	1,964	2,2	Aug. 10 to Aug. 22	13	1,386	2,478	524	27	58	14	2,65	6,32	2,11	8,43
25	do.	1,880	2,1	Aug. 11 to Aug. 23	13	1,475	2,399	519	28	58	9	2,84	6,76	2,19	8,95
26	do.	1,152	2,4	Aug. 12 to Aug. 24	13	1,467	2,701	549	25	61	7	2,07	6,40	1,91	8,31
27	do.	1,920	2,1	do.	13	1,407	2,458	538	28	60	14	2,73	6,38	2,01	8,39
28	do.	1,815	2,0	Aug. 12 to Aug. 25	14	1,402	2,451	616	34	68	17	2,60	6,19	1,85	8,04
29	do.	1,975	2,2	Aug. 13 to Aug. 27	15	1,782	2,576	601	31	67	23	2,96	7,07	1,95	9,02
30	do.	2,141	2,4	Aug. 13 to Aug. 28	16	1,908	2,874	733	34	81	15	2,60	6,24	1,71	7,95
31	do.	1,663	1,9	Aug. 16 to Aug. 29	14	1,737	2,482	819	49	91	14	2,12	5,07	1,39	6,46
32	do.	1,837	2,0	Aug. 18 to Aug. 30	13	1,760	2,713	876	48	97	13	2,01	4,75	1,28	6,03
33	do.	2,044	2,3	do.	13	1,674	2,661	617	30	69	43	2,71	6,40	1,68	8,08
34	do.	2,027	2,3	Aug. 18 to Aug. 31	14	1,818	2,702	675	33	75	15	2,69	6,32	1,67	7,99
35	do.	2,078	2,3	Aug. 19 to Sept. 1	14	1,809	2,734	656	32	73	3	2,76	6,42	1,72	8,14
36	do.	2,005	2,2	Aug. 21 to Sept. 4	15	1,970	2,827	822	41	91	3	2,40	5,07	1,50	7,17
37	do.	2,046	2,3	Aug. 24 to Sept. 5	12	1,856	2,763	717	35	80	9	2,59	5,80	1,51	7,31
38	do.	2,095	2,3	Aug. 25 to Sept. 5	12	1,503	2,711	616	29	68	8	2,44	5,70	1,49	7,19
39	do.	2,094	2,3	Aug. 25 to Sept. 6	13	1,611	2,821	727	35	31	4	2,22	5,71	1,36	6,66
40	do.	2,132	2,4	Aug. 25 to Sept. 7	14	1,728	2,813	681	32	76	18	2,54	5,89	1,51	7,40
41	do.	2,236	2,5	Aug. 27 to Sept. 8	13	1,629	2,848	612	27	68	19	2,66	6,07	1,57	7,64
42	do.	2,069	2,3	Aug. 28 to Sept. 11	15	1,910	2,765	696	34	77	6	2,74	5,75	1,48	7,23
43	do.	2,348	2,6	Aug. 30 to Sept. 10	12	1,567	2,799	451	19	50	10	3,47	7,79	1,98	9,77
44	do.	2,101	2,3	Aug. 31 to Sept. 11	12	1,587	2,763	662	31	71	11	2,40	5,71	1,36	7,07
45	do.	1,938	2,2	Sept. 1 to Sept. 13	13	1,700	2,754	646	33	72	15	2,63	5,84	1,48	7,32
46	do.	2,239	2,5	Sept. 2 to Sept. 14	13	1,575	2,884	645	29	72	14	2,44	5,55	1,36	6,91
47	do.	2,209	2,5	Sept. 2 to Sept. 15	14	1,683	2,749	540	24	60	15	3,12	6,87	1,73	8,38
48	do.	2,058	2,3	Sept. 2 to Sept. 17	16	1,899	2,798	740	36	82	21	2,57	5,55	1,40	6,95
49	do.	2,347	2,6	Sept. 3 to Sept. 18	16	1,908	2,793	646	28	72	33	2,95	6,18	1,57	7,75
50	do.	2,193	2,4	Sept. 4 to Sept. 18	15	1,800	2,862	669	30	74	26	2,69	5,83	1,44	7,27
51	do.	2,171	2,4	Sept. 5 to Sept. 19	15	1,818	2,796	625	29	69	16	2,91	6,24	1,61	7,85
52	do.	2,232	2,5	Sept. 5 to Sept. 19	14	1,701	2,774	542	24	60	22	3,14	6,06	1,71	8,38
53	do.	2,332	2,6	Sept. 6 to Sept. 20	14	1,710	2,939	587	25	65	22	2,91	6,18	1,57	8,37
54	do.	2,235	2,5	Sept. 8 to Sept. 21	14	1,737	2,900	665	30	74	19	2,61	5,54	1,40	6,94
55	do.	2,133	2,4	Sept. 9 to Sept. 22	14	1,773	2,901	768	36	85	18	2,31	4,89	1,21	6,10
56	do.	2,290	2,5	do.	14	1,773	2,909	619	27	69	24	2,86	6,03	1,51	7,54
57	do.	2,350	2,6	Sept. 11 to Sept. 24	14	1,773	2,874	524	28	58	18	3,38	7,21	1,86	9,07
58	do.	2,315	2,6	Sept. 12 to Sept. 25	14	1,809	2,834	519	22	58	15	3,49	7,48	1,89	9,37
59	do.	2,331	2,6	Sept. 13 to Sept. 27	15	1,998	2,908	577	25	64	15	3,46	7,35	1,84	9,19
60	do.	2,276	2,5	do.	15	1,998	2,876	600	26	67	20	3,33	7,07	1,77	8,84
61	do.	2,343	2,6	Sept. 15 to Sept. 28	14	1,899	3,004	661	28	73	8	2,87	6,11	1,53	7,64
62	do.	2,473	2,8	Sept. 16 to Sept. 29	14	1,908	3,001	528	21	59	18	3,61	7,69	1,93	9,62
63	do.	2,376	2,6	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1	14	1,953	2,992	616	26	64	15	3,17	6,51	1,68	8,19
64	do.	2,319	2,6	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2	14	1,971	3,118	799	34	89	15	2,47	5,16	1,28	6,44
65	do.	2,218	2,5	Sept. 19 to Oct. 3	15	2,142	2,977	759	34	84	23	2,82	5,89	1,45	7,34

*Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912.* Continued

Fed.	Chen.	Number in	Total weight lb.	Average weight lb.	Period fed	Days fed	Total feed. Pounds	Total weight gain. Pounds	Total feed gain. Pounds	Gain per 100 head	Feed.	Gain per pound of gain	Total cost of feed per pound of gain	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
66	2-purpurea	3000	2,563	8.54	Sept. 20 to Oct. 1	15	2,424	2,907	606	39	27	3.06	6.43	1.47	8.06
67	do	3000	2,561	8.53	Sept. 20 to Oct. 5	16	2,430	2,909	605	36	6	3.30	6.33	1.69	8.52
68	do	3000	2,554	8.51	do	11	2,403	3,030	505	50	4	3.04	6.45	7.03	10.30
69	do	3000	2,554	8.51	Sept. 23 to Oct. 6	14	2,403	3,065	644	24	23	3.25	6.25	1.68	8.46
70	do	3000	2,529	8.43	Sept. 24 to Oct. 8	15	2,402	3,104	644	26	12	3.42	6.40	1.70	8.78
71	do	3000	2,553	8.51	Sept. 25 to Oct. 10	16	2,406	3,204	708	27	20	2.95	6.60	1.44	7.54
72	do	3000	2,564	8.54	Sept. 27 to Oct. 18	22	2,406	3,334	657	25	35	3.41	6.34	1.52	7.85
73	do	3000	2,565	8.55	do	16	2,403	3,409	673	26	20	3.45	6.44	1.73	8.90
74	do	3000	2,529	8.43	Sept. 30 to Oct. 12	14	2,403	3,303	673	26	9	2.45	1.51	1.41	5.97
75	do	3000	2,541	8.47	Sept. 30 to Oct. 15	16	2,407	3,300	509	37	17	2.41	1.75	1.60	5.87
76	do	3000	2,567	8.55	Oct. 4 to Oct. 15	12	2,410	3,354	709	29	10	2.96	5.54	1.37	6.89
77	do	3000	2,528	8.43	do	16	2,406	3,203	675	27	10	3.45	6.34	1.54	8.34
78	do	3000	2,546	8.48	Oct. 3 to Oct. 16	14	2,403	3,255	630	24	23	3.42	7.09	1.64	8.60
79	do	3000	2,540	8.46	Oct. 4 to Oct. 17	14	2,406	3,203	474	17	6	1.60	0.23	2.41	11.52
80	do	3000	2,540	8.46	do	11	2,406	3,203	472	17	20	1.46	0.47	2.60	11.20
81	do	3000	2,493	8.31	Oct. 5 to Oct. 19	14	2,414	2,900	497	20	13	1.34	8.30	2.00	10.80
82	do	3000	2,507	8.35	Oct. 7 to Oct. 18	12	2,414	3,081	361	9	43	1.75	9.78	7.10	11.97
83	do	3000	2,507	8.35	Oct. 7 to Oct. 20	14	2,406	3,411	604	22	24	1.49	7.33	1.60	8.90
84	do	3000	2,520	8.40	Oct. 9 to Oct. 22	14	2,413	3,344	504	34	63	1.34	7.90	1.84	9.61
85	do	3000	2,526	8.42	Oct. 10 to Oct. 23	14	2,406	3,349	763	30	15	2.20	5.68	1.34	7.62
86	do	3000	2,540	8.46	Oct. 11 to Oct. 24	14	2,415	3,265	555	24	26	3.34	7.00	1.97	9.77
87	do	3000	2,542	8.47	Oct. 12 to Oct. 25	14	2,406	3,322	624	23	13	3.36	7.01	1.68	8.60
88	do	3000	2,542	8.47	Oct. 13 to Oct. 26	14	2,403	3,308	526	13	22	3.97	8.42	2.05	10.37
89	do	3000	2,543	8.47	Oct. 14 to Oct. 27	14	2,413	3,405	775	29	36	1.7	5.64	1.35	6.90
90	do	3000	2,543	8.47	Oct. 15 to Oct. 27	13	2,404	3,323	607	22	24	3.23	6.98	1.74	8.60
91	do	3000	2,504	8.34	Oct. 17 to Oct. 30	14	2,403	3,500	675	19	15	3.63	7.83	1.90	9.70
92	do	3000	2,523	8.41	Oct. 18 to Oct. 31	14	2,404	3,441	644	13	13	3.34	8.87	2.32	12.32
93	do	3000	2,504	8.34	Oct. 19 to Nov. 1	14	2,411	3,350	449	15	14	1.60	9.05	2.70	12.05
94	do	3000	2,505	8.35	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2	14	2,406	3,400	745	9	23	2.95	48.00	4.00	4.00
95	do	3000	2,505	8.35	Oct. 20 to Nov. 3	14	2,406	3,449	483	10	13	1.61	8.96	2.52	11.48
96	do	1,450	1,600	1.10	Oct. 23 to Nov. 6	15	1,419	5,243	547	41	35	6.03	13.47	4.61	17.51
97	do	3000	2,520	8.40	Oct. 26 to Nov. 7	12	2,404	3,390	644	24	24	2.45	8.45	1.92	8.45
98	do	3000	2,520	8.40	Oct. 26 to Nov. 8	12	2,404	3,390	355	11	30	1.61	6.69	3.05	11.24
99	do	3000	2,525	8.41	Oct. 26 to Nov. 8	12	1,638	3,580	925	20	69	2.63	6.73	1.70	7.62
100	do	3000	2,500	8.33	Oct. 31 to Nov. 10	11	1,633	3,566	510	17	4	2.83	6.61	1.98	8.60

EXPERIMENT B, STATION I, 1912.

	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Springers	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
	3,127	3,131	3,131	3,131	3,131	3,076	2,964	2,956	3,025	3,151	3,067	3,178	4,680	1,510	1,504	1,504	1,517	1,506	1,688	1,759	1,711	1,724	1,789	1,720	1,712	1,627	1,765	1,729	1,771	1,744	1,730	1,567	1,822	1,762	1,691	1,559	1,831	1,745
	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	1,350	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	1.68	1.58	1.67	1.69	1.67	1.88	1.95	1.90	1.92	1.99	1.91	1.90	1.81	1.85	1.92	1.97	1.94	1.92	1.74	2.02	1.96	1.88	1.73	2.03	1.94
	Nov. 1 to Nov. 12...	Nov. 2 to Nov. 13...	Nov. 3 to Nov. 14...	Nov. 4 to Nov. 15...	Nov. 5 to Nov. 16...	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17...	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18...	Nov. 7 to Nov. 19...	Nov. 8 to Nov. 20...	Nov. 9 to Nov. 21...	Nov. 10 to Nov. 22...	Nov. 11 to Nov. 23...	Nov. 12 to Nov. 24...	July 29 to Aug. 11...	July 31 to Aug. 13...	Aug. 2 to Aug. 14...	Aug. 6 to Aug. 19...	Aug. 8 to Aug. 20...	Aug. 9 to Aug. 22...	Aug. 11 to Aug. 25...	Aug. 13 to Aug. 26...	Aug. 14 to Aug. 26...	Aug. 15 to Aug. 27...	Aug. 16 to Aug. 28...	Aug. 17 to Aug. 29...	Aug. 19 to Aug. 30...	Aug. 21 to Aug. 30...	do.	Aug. 22 to Sept. 2...	Aug. 23 to Sept. 3...	Aug. 23 to Sept. 4...	Aug. 24 to Sept. 5...	Aug. 24 to Sept. 6...	Aug. 26 to Sept. 7...	Aug. 26 to Sept. 9...	Aug. 27 to Sept. 9...	Aug. 28 to Sept. 10...	Aug. 28 to Sept. 11...
	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	10	14	14	13	14	13	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	11	10	10	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	14	15	
	1,593	1,557	1,566	1,596	1,530	1,665	1,715	1,521	1,647	1,674	1,674	1,413	1,931	1,568	1,532	1,469	1,399	1,338	1,435	1,541	1,459	1,376	1,317	1,268	1,231	1,085	1,084	1,171	1,288	1,284	1,398	1,402	1,521	1,379	1,710	1,604	1,607	1,734
	281	463	453	1,249	3,348	3,625	3,452	3,270	3,398	3,400	3,431	3,384	5,097	677	741	569	467	530	643	551	405	618	510	464	440	560	459	490	547	519	612	742	504	440	485	685	572	613
	3,408	3,594	3,284	7,190	3,344	3,625	3,452	3,270	3,398	3,400	3,431	3,384	5,097	2,187	2,160	2,173	1,984	2,036	2,331	2,310	2,206	2,342	2,239	2,184	2,152	2,187	2,224	2,219	2,318	2,263	2,342	2,309	2,826	2,202	2,176	2,244	2,403	2,358
	9	15	16	21	12	18	16	11	12	8	12	23	9	45	52	31	31	35	38	31	29	36	57	27	26	34	26	28	31	30	35	47	28	25	29	44	31	35
	31	51	7	39	61	61	54	35	41	28	24	23	31	75	82	74	52	59	71	61	55	69	57	52	49	62	5	61	58	68	82	56	49	54	64	68		
	12	11	7	10	8	3.03	3.51	3.84	4.42	6.72	6.60	6.86	4.63	21	8	8	10	7	23	2.95	2.23	2.58	2.73	2.80	1.94	2.36	2.39	2.35	2.35	2.47	2.28	1.89	3.02	3.13	3.53	10	2.81	2.83
	13.45	8.01	8.27	5.89	10.55	7.30	8.49	11.55	10.52	14.70	10.01	15.94	9.31	5.60	5.00	5.31	8.32	6.11	5.41	6.77	7.14	5.39	6.24	5.61	6.77	4.68	5.71	5.78	5.70	5.98	5.52	5.47	7.58	8.11	5.38	6.46	6.51	
	3.70	2.14	2.26	1.61	2.95	2.05	2.37	3.32	3.08	4.71	3.31	5.34	3.03	2.40	1.65	1.45	2.03	1.82	1.62	2.03	2.13	1.60	1.83	1.96	2.03	1.44	1.57	1.62	1.48	1.55	1.44	1.88	2.13	1.38	1.65	1.66		
	17.15	10.15	10.53	13.50	9.35	9.35	10.87	14.87	13.60	19.41	10.32	21.28	12.34	8.00	6.65	6.76	10.35	7.93	7.03	8.77	9.27	6.99	8.07	8.57	8.80	6.12	7.28	7.40	7.18	7.53	6.96	5.75	9.19	9.71	10.21	6.76	8.11	8.17

*Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912. Continued.*  
EXPERIMENT B, STATION 1, 1912. Continued.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.	1912.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
26	Springers	900	1,947	2.16	Aug. 29 to Sept. 12	15	1,828	2,560	32	68	5	2.98	6.86	1.40	8.55
27	do	900	1,876	2.03	Aug. 31 to Sept. 13	14	1,661	2,477	36	72	19	2.60	6.97	1.46	7.43
28	do	900	1,709	2.34	Aug. 31 to Sept. 16	16	1,980	2,525	22	57	10	4.25	9.77	2.28	12.05
29	do	900	1,700	2.00	Aug. 31 to Sept. 16	17	2,151	2,601	45	89	6	2.69	6.18	1.41	7.59
30	do	900	1,987	2.21	Sept. 3 to Sept. 16	14	1,773	2,592	30	67	5	2.93	6.71	1.71	8.45
31	do	900	1,813	2.05	Sept. 1 to Sept. 17	11	1,829	2,592	41	83	11	2.41	5.61	1.28	6.89
32	do	900	1,844	2.04	Sept. 5 to Sept. 18	14	1,847	2,685	46	63	2	2.20	5.65	1.11	6.19
33	do	900	1,882	2.10	Sept. 6 to Sept. 19	11	1,862	2,570	37	77	3	2.69	6.19	1.39	7.68
34	do	900	2,115	2.35	Sept. 12 to Sept. 19	13	1,735	2,829	34	79	4	2.43	5.59	1.24	6.83
35	do	900	2,153	2.30	Sept. 8 to Sept. 20	13	1,706	2,808	30	73	4	2.74	6.31	1.34	7.65
36	do	900	2,141	2.38	Sept. 10 to Sept. 22	13	1,805	2,716	27	64	3	3.16	7.26	1.58	8.84
37	do	900	2,008	2.30	Sept. 11 to Sept. 23	13	1,802	2,833	37	85	3	2.43	5.60	1.18	6.78
38	do	900	2,141	2.38	Sept. 12 to Sept. 24	13	1,750	2,798	31	73	4	2.66	6.13	1.38	7.51
39	do	900	2,130	2.37	Sept. 12 to Sept. 25	14	2,038	2,875	35	83	5	2.74	6.28	1.32	7.60
40	do	900	2,168	2.41	Sept. 13 to Sept. 26	14	2,035	2,894	34	81	10	2.83	6.51	1.35	7.86
41	do	900	2,141	2.38	Sept. 14 to Sept. 27	14	2,017	2,927	37	87	5	2.60	5.99	1.24	7.23
42	do	900	2,371	2.64	Sept. 15 to Sept. 29	15	2,224	3,004	27	70	3	3.53	8.11	1.66	9.77
43	do	900	2,375	2.64	Sept. 17 to Sept. 30	14	2,084	3,170	33	88	3	2.62	6.02	1.29	7.22
44	do	900	2,382	2.65	Sept. 17 to Oct. 1	15	2,215	3,125	31	83	3	2.98	6.86	1.31	8.17
45	do	900	2,322	2.58	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1	14	2,060	3,041	31	79	11	2.91	6.48	1.35	8.63
46	do	900	2,333	2.50	Sept. 19 to Oct. 1	13	1,918	3,082	32	83	4	2.66	5.89	1.18	7.07
47	do	900	2,422	2.60	Sept. 20 to Oct. 6	17	2,407	3,192	32	86	7	3.24	7.46	1.44	8.90
48	do	900	2,188	2.43	Sept. 20 to Oct. 7	18	2,611	3,076	38	93	4	3.12	7.17	1.41	8.58
49	do	900	2,535	2.82	Sept. 21 to Oct. 8	18	2,788	3,353	32	91	17	3.41	7.29	1.41	8.73
50	do	900	2,374	2.63	Sept. 22 to Oct. 9	18	2,709	3,148	33	86	8	3.56	7.62	1.50	9.12
51	do	900	2,254	2.50	Sept. 23 to Oct. 10	18	2,707	3,069	36	90	13	3.47	7.31	1.48	8.79
52	do	900	2,297	2.55	Sept. 25 to Oct. 10	16	2,408	2,982	30	76	4	3.67	7.61	1.52	9.16
53	do	900	2,300	2.50	Sept. 26 to Oct. 11	16	2,445	3,027	30	77	4	3.46	7.41	1.49	8.93
54	do	900	2,387	2.65	Sept. 26 to Oct. 12	17	2,582	3,044	28	73	18	3.63	8.11	1.70	10.11
55	do	900	2,428	2.70	Sept. 28 to Oct. 12	17	2,601	3,025	35	66	14	4.36	9.33	1.80	11.13
56	do	900	2,678	2.98	Sept. 29 to Oct. 14	16	2,432	3,583	31	100	17	2.69	6.75	1.13	6.88
57	do	900	2,653	2.95	Sept. 30 to Oct. 15	16	2,409	3,226	32	64	13	4.20	8.99	1.84	10.83
58	do	900	2,540	2.81	Oct. 1 to Oct. 16	16	2,306	3,232	28	78	14	3.41	7.30	1.51	8.81
59	do	900	2,771	3.08	Oct. 3 to Oct. 17	15	2,244	3,247	17	53	14	4.71	10.09	2.07	12.16
60	do	900	2,583	2.65	Oct. 3 to Oct. 18	16	2,386	3,129	31	83	23	3.20	6.85	1.42	8.27



61	do	2,679	2,98	Oct. 4 to Oct. 20	17	2,500	3,375	696	26	77	10	3,59	7,69	1,57	9,26
62	do	2,617	2,91	Oct. 8 to Oct. 21	14	2,109	3,266	649	25	72	11	3,25	6,95	1,45	8,40
63	do	2,440	2,71	Oct. 9 to Oct. 22	14	2,127	3,032	592	24	66	7	3,58	7,67	1,63	9,30
64	do	2,495	2,77	Oct. 10 to Oct. 23	14	2,157	3,039	744	30	83	17	2,90	6,20	1,33	7,53
65	do	2,709	3,01	Oct. 11 to Oct. 24	14	2,181	3,159	450	17	50	13	4,85	10,37	2,24	12,61
66	do	2,675	2,97	Oct. 12 to Oct. 25	14	2,200	3,220	545	20	61	18	4,04	8,64	1,89	10,53
67	do	2,864	3,18	Oct. 12 to Oct. 27	16	2,570	3,408	544	19	60	14	4,72	10,10	2,13	12,23
68	do	2,751	3,06	Oct. 13 to Oct. 28	16	2,586	3,330	579	21	64	26	4,47	9,56	2,03	11,59
69	do	2,965	3,23	Oct. 15 to Oct. 30	15	2,362	3,450	545	21	61	35	4,33	9,33	2,14	11,47
70	do	2,743	3,05	Oct. 15 to Oct. 30	16	2,494	3,299	556	20	62	27	4,49	9,60	2,26	11,86
71	do	2,694	2,99	Oct. 16 to Oct. 31	16	2,511	3,361	667	25	74	.....	3,76	8,06	1,91	9,97
72	do	2,812	3,12	Oct. 17 to Oct. 31	15	2,368	3,288	476	17	53	25	4,97	10,64	2,15	13,15
73	do	2,824	3,13	Oct. 18 to Nov. 1	15	2,361	3,385	571	20	63	19	4,14	8,85	2,12	10,98
74	do	2,821	3,13	Oct. 19 to Nov. 3	16	2,520	3,448	627	22	70	16	4,02	8,60	2,03	10,63
75	do	2,850	3,17	Oct. 19 to Nov. 4	17	2,688	3,474	624	22	69	15	4,31	9,21	2,18	11,39
76	do	2,920	3,24	Oct. 22 to Nov. 5	15	2,376	3,430	510	18	57	25	4,66	9,97	2,47	12,44
77	do	2,941	3,27	Oct. 24 to Nov. 6	14	2,195	3,504	563	19	63	19	3,90	8,35	2,05	10,40
78	do	2,946	3,27	Oct. 26 to Nov. 7	13	2,138	3,601	655	22	73	16	3,26	6,56	1,61	8,17
79	do	2,858	3,18	Oct. 27 to Nov. 8	13	2,125	3,405	547	19	61	38	3,88	7,80	1,91	9,71
80	do	2,858	3,18	Oct. 28 to Nov. 10	14	2,260	3,485	627	22	70	25	3,60	7,25	1,79	9,04
81	do	2,827	3,14	Oct. 28 to Nov. 11	15	2,405	3,372	545	19	61	26	4,41	8,86	2,21	11,07
82	do	2,918	3,13	Oct. 30 to Nov. 12	14	2,206	3,320	502	18	56	24	4,39	8,84	2,17	11,01
83	do	2,919	3,24	Oct. 31 to Nov. 13	14	2,234	3,410	491	17	55	40	4,55	9,15	2,23	11,38
84	do	3,134	3,48	Nov. 1 to Nov. 14	14	2,221	3,551	417	13	46	20	5,33	10,71	2,53	13,24
85	do	3,080	3,42	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	14	2,215	3,380	300	10	33	18	7,38	14,84	3,50	18,34
86	do	2,981	3,31	do	14	2,216	3,413	432	14	48	36	5,13	10,31	2,43	12,74
87	do	2,910	3,23	Nov. 3 to Nov. 17	15	2,260	3,331	421	15	47	36	5,37	10,79	2,52	13,31
88	do	3,031	3,37	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17	13	2,200	3,442	411	14	46	19	5,35	10,76	2,33	13,09
89	do	3,089	3,43	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18	13	2,010	3,550	461	15	51	14	4,36	8,75	2,08	10,83
90	do	2,893	3,21	Nov. 7 to Nov. 18	12	1,839	3,297	404	14	45	19	4,55	9,14	2,19	11,33
91	do	2,881	3,20	Nov. 8 to Nov. 19	12	1,847	3,554	683	24	76	17	2,70	5,42	1,33	6,75
92	do	2,775	3,08	Nov. 9 to Nov. 20	12	1,798	3,336	561	20	62	17	3,19	6,48	1,63	8,06
93	do	2,990	3,33	Nov. 10 to Nov. 20	11	1,632	3,460	461	15	51	21	3,54	7,12	1,80	8,92
94	do	3,026	3,36	Nov. 10 to Nov. 21	12	1,769	3,448	492	14	47	19	4,19	8,42	2,02	10,44
95	do	3,240	3,62	Nov. 12 to Nov. 20	9	1,321	3,470	230	7	26	8	5,74	11,54	3,30	14,84
96	do	2,965	3,29	Nov. 13 to Nov. 22	10	1,470	3,280	315	11	35	8	4,67	9,37	2,81	12,18
97	do	3,021	3,36	Nov. 14 to Nov. 24	11	1,531	3,311	310	10	34	80	5,00	10,06	3,05	13,11
98	do	3,338	3,71	Nov. 16 to Nov. 25	10	1,392	3,500	222	7	25	21	6,27	12,60	3,92	16,53
99	do	3,331	3,70	Nov. 17 to Nov. 26	10	1,417	3,470	139	4	15	18	10,19	20,49	6,25	26,74
100	do	3,259	3,62	Nov. 22 to Dec. 1	10	1,406	3,442	183	6	20	13	7,68	15,44	4,89	20,33

## Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912 Continued.

EXPERIMENT C, STATION 4, 1911.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
			Pounds.	Pounds.	1911.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1	Broilers	864	1,248	1.4	June 13 to June 25	13	1,823	1,655	187	31	45	14	4.71	7.70	1.52	9.22
2	do	192	307	1.6	June 14 to June 27	14	436	383	76	25	34	7	5.61	9.91	1.84	10.96
3	do	336	480	1.4	June 22 to July 8	13	521	505	115	24	34	40	4.53	7.39	2.13	9.52
4	do	240	351	1.4	June 25 to July 8	14	321	412	412	17	25	19	5.26	8.74	4.30	13.04
5	do	320	492	1.5	June 30 to July 12	14	406	624	132	27	41	17	3.08	4.11	3.01	8.12
6	do	384	609	1.6	June 30 to July 13	14	518	807	198	33	52	17	2.62	4.30	2.41	6.74
7	do	448	730	1.6	July 2 to July 15	14	669	958	198	22	44	14	3.33	5.29	2.89	8.18
8	do	320	471	1.5	July 14 to July 17	14	463	625	164	33	48	26	3.20	5.09	2.62	7.71
9	do	448	678	1.5	July 6 to July 19	14	726	965	317	47	71	8	2.29	3.62	1.68	5.30
10	do	448	705	1.6	July 7 to July 20	14	753	986	284	40	63	6	2.08	4.19	1.76	5.95
11	do	576	1,046	1.8	July 8 to July 20	13	910	1,384	338	32	59	11	2.69	4.24	1.65	5.86
12	do	880	1,408	1.6	July 9 to July 22	14	1,559	2,029	621	44	69	14	2.51	3.91	1.38	5.29
13	do	704	1,077	1.5	July 11 to July 23	13	1,140	1,426	349	33	50	21	3.27	5.06	1.63	6.69
14	do	708	1,226	1.6	July 12 to July 24	13	1,244	1,685	459	37	60	19	2.71	4.20	1.29	5.49
15	do	898	1,343	1.5	July 14 to July 27	14	1,572	1,772	420	32	48	47	3.66	5.78	1.59	7.37
16	do	1,470	2,443	1.7	July 16 to July 29	14	2,573	3,368	925	38	63	44	2.78	4.32	1.14	5.46
17	Springers	1,708	1,349	1.8	July 18 to July 31	14	1,329	1,783	434	32	57	12	3.06	4.74	1.22	5.96
18	do	900	1,718	1.8	July 20 to Aug. 1	13	1,526	2,212	494	29	51	24	3.09	4.80	1.19	5.99
19	do	896	1,614	1.8	July 22 to Aug. 2	12	1,317	2,014	430	27	48	10	3.06	4.69	1.15	5.84
20	do	1,020	1,809	1.8	July 23 to Aug. 3	12	1,479	2,336	467	25	46	15	3.17	4.87	1.18	6.05
21	do	900	1,799	1.9	July 25 to Aug. 5	12	1,363	2,212	413	23	43	19	3.30	5.07	1.25	6.32
22	Broilers	1,280	2,169	1.7	July 26 to Aug. 6	12	1,706	2,704	605	28	47	20	2.92	4.46	1.12	5.58
23	do	1,080	1,097	1.6	July 27 to Aug. 7	12	1,469	2,280	583	34	54	26	2.62	3.84	.98	4.82
24	Springers	1,216	2,453	2.0	July 28 to Aug. 8	12	1,560	2,815	362	15	30	39	4.31	6.00	1.76	8.36
25	do	1,020	1,927	1.9	July 29 to Aug. 10	13	1,387	2,334	407	21	40	26	3.41	5.24	1.43	6.67
26	do	320	500	1.8	July 30 to Aug. 6	8	275	607	107	19	33	4	2.57	3.89	1.02	4.91
27	do	320	612	1.9	Aug. 1 to Aug. 14	9	298	678	66	11	21	3	4.52	4.52	1.85	8.84
28	do	1,520	3,045	2.0	Aug. 3 to Aug. 14	12	1,718	3,317	302	10	20	57	5.60	8.96	2.62	11.58
29	do	1,910	4,047	2.1	Aug. 8 to Aug. 20	13	2,349	4,545	498	12	26	44	4.72	7.59	2.34	9.93
30	do	960	1,733	1.8	Aug. 9 to Aug. 18	10	883	1,970	237	14	25	43	3.73	6.03	1.90	7.93

31	do	2,646	5,505	2.1	Aug. 11 to Aug. 22...	12	3,142	6,072	567	10	22	69	5.54	8.85	2.79	11.64
32	do	720	1,468	2.0	Aug. 12 to Aug. 24...	13	1,015	1,717	249	17	35	26	4.08	6.56	2.00	8.56
33	do	1,920	3,836	2.0	Aug. 13 to Aug. 24...	15	3,836	4,800	964	25	50	42	3.55	5.96	1.65	7.61
34	do	1,680	3,380	2.0	Aug. 15 to Aug. 27...	14	2,940	4,139	759	23	45	42	3.87	6.55	1.77	8.32
35	do	1,350	2,839	2.1	Aug. 16 to Aug. 29...	14	2,403	3,550	711	25	53	40	3.38	5.81	1.56	7.37
36	do	761	1,541	2.0	Aug. 17 to Aug. 30...	14	1,945	1,995	454	29	60	17	3.08	5.36	1.39	6.75
37	do	1,040	2,295	2.2	Aug. 18 to Aug. 31...	14	1,945	3,007	712	31	69	12	2.73	4.79	1.23	6.02
38	do	1,600	3,588	2.2	Aug. 20 to Sept. 3...	15	3,232	4,590	1,002	28	63	55	3.23	5.77	1.44	7.21
39	do	1,920	3,792	2.3	Aug. 20 to Aug. 29...	10	4,432	4,884	1,062	22	51	9	2.67	4.66	1.20	5.86
40	do	832	2,037	2.5	Aug. 22 to Sept. 4...	14	1,622	2,701	664	33	80	6	2.44	4.41	1.05	5.46
41	do	832	1,880	2.3	Aug. 23 to Sept. 5...	14	1,656	2,475	595	32	72	18	2.78	5.03	1.19	6.22
42	do	1,080	2,340	2.2	Aug. 24 to Sept. 6...	11	2,160	3,005	685	28	62	15	3.25	5.91	1.35	7.26
43	do	896	2,073	2.3	Aug. 25 to Sept. 7...	13	1,604	2,615	542	26	61	11	2.96	5.34	1.24	6.58
44	do	256	555	2.2	Aug. 26 to Sept. 8...	9	315	2,633	98	18	38	3	3.21	5.83	1.36	7.19
45	do	832	2,053	2.5	Aug. 27 to Sept. 10...	13	1,489	2,088	435	21	52	9	3.42	6.16	1.40	7.56
46	do	1,080	2,548	2.4	Aug. 30 to Sept. 10...	12	1,782	3,205	657	26	61	6	2.71	4.85	1.09	5.94
47	do	1,400	3,206	2.3	Aug. 31 to Sept. 11...	12	2,156	4,064	858	27	61	21	2.51	4.76	1.06	5.82
48	do	1,020	2,181	2.1	Sept. 1 to Sept. 12...	12	1,673	2,704	523	24	51	24	3.20	5.69	1.25	6.94
49	do	1,150	2,487	2.2	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12...	11	1,714	3,135	648	26	56	21	2.65	4.70	1.03	5.73
50	do	1,920	4,359	2.3	Sept. 3 to Sept. 13...	11	2,842	5,337	978	22	51	0	2.91	5.18	1.12	6.30
51	do	384	846	2.2	Sept. 3 to Sept. 10...	8	415	1,058	212	25	55	0	1.96	3.44	.76	4.20
52	do	1,530	3,471	2.3	Sept. 6 to Sept. 14...	9	1,836	4,060	589	17	39	4	3.12	5.61	1.22	6.83
53	do	320	631	2.0	Sept. 6 to Sept. 15...	8	349	764	133	21	42	0	2.62	4.99	.99	6.58
54	do	1,640	3,741	2.3	Sept. 7 to Sept. 18...	12	2,722	4,765	1,015	27	62	17	2.68	4.80	1.07	5.87
55	do	1,280	2,987	2.3	Sept. 8 to Sept. 19...	12	2,189	3,718	731	24	57	18	2.99	5.32	1.17	6.30
56	do	1,400	3,299	2.4	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20...	12	2,436	4,193	894	27	64	25	2.72	4.78	1.05	5.83
57	Roasters	1,400	3,912	2.8	Sept. 10 to Sept. 21...	12	2,478	4,601	689	18	49	31	3.60	6.24	1.38	7.62
58	Broilers	704	1,325	1.9	Sept. 10 to Sept. 21...	15	1,626	1,747	422	32	60	11	3.85	6.54	1.37	7.94
59	Roasters	704	1,872	2.7	Sept. 12 to Sept. 22...	11	1,176	2,357	485	26	69	8	2.42	4.12	.93	5.05
60	do	960	2,505	2.6	Sept. 13 to Sept. 22...	10	1,469	3,140	635	25	66	8	2.31	3.92	.89	4.81
61	Broilers	518	853	1.7	Sept. 13 to Sept. 26...	14	1,166	1,272	419	49	81	9	2.78	4.59	.98	5.57
62	Roasters	1,020	2,749	2.7	Sept. 14 to Sept. 24...	11	1,796	3,482	733	27	72	20	2.45	4.96	.89	4.95
63	Broilers	643	1,011	1.6	Sept. 14 to Sept. 27...	14	1,466	1,512	501	50	78	19	2.93	4.80	1.03	5.83
64	Roasters	1,010	2,569	2.5	Sept. 15 to Sept. 25...	11	1,848	3,204	635	25	63	6	2.91	4.76	.99	5.75
65	do	1,280	3,574	2.8	Sept. 17 to Sept. 26...	10	2,314	4,210	636	18	50	7	3.48	5.58	1.09	6.67
66	Broilers	512	807	1.6	Sept. 17 to Oct. 1...	15	1,290	1,161	354	44	69	8	3.64	5.80	1.23	7.03
67	Roasters	896	2,501	2.8	Sept. 19 to Sept. 28...	10	1,541	2,890	389	15	43	0	3.96	6.22	1.29	7.51
68	do	1,400	3,852	2.8	Sept. 20 to Sept. 29...	10	2,380	4,403	611	16	44	10	3.90	6.10	1.31	7.41
69	Broilers	448	737	1.7	Sept. 20 to Oct. 3...	14	1,075	1,014	277	38	62	15	3.88	6.10	1.33	7.43
70	Roasters	768	2,277	3.0	Sept. 21 to Oct. 1...	11	1,444	2,626	349	15	45	5	4.14	6.47	1.39	7.86
71	do	768	2,135	2.8	Sept. 22 to Oct. 2...	11	1,436	2,464	329	15	43	8	4.36	6.84	1.47	8.31
72	do	896	2,543	2.8	Sept. 23 to Oct. 2...	10	1,505	2,942	400	16	45	5	3.76	5.80	1.28	7.17
73	Broilers	320	545	1.7	Sept. 23 to Oct. 5...	13	717	745	200	37	63	6	3.59	5.68	1.28	6.91
74	Roasters	1,530	4,389	2.9	Sept. 24 to Oct. 5...	10	2,555	5,214	825	19	54	16	3.10	4.88	1.08	5.96
75	Broilers	320	522	1.6	Sept. 24 to Oct. 8...	15	829	710	188	36	59	9	4.41	7.08	1.50	8.58

## Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912—Continued.

EXPERIMENT C, STATION 4, 1911—Continued

Lot.	Chick.	Number in.	Total weight, lb.	Average weight, lb.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed, Pounds.	Total weight out, Pounds.	Total gain, Pounds.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.	1911.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
76	Broilers	370	548	1.6	Sept. 26 to Oct. 9	11	784	714	903	37	60	6	4.06	6.55	1.41	7.96
77	Broilers	900	2,854	2.9	Sept. 27 to Oct. 8	12	1,987	3,389	565	20	59	8	3.52	5.67	1.96	6.93
78	do	1,540	3,854	2.9	Sept. 28 to Oct. 9	12	2,814	4,732	898	23	67	12	3.13	5.09	1.96	6.48
79	Broilers	370	548	1.7	Sept. 28 to Oct. 11	11	797	715	267	39	65	11	3.85	6.28	1.33	7.61
80	Broilers	806	2,648	3.6	Sept. 29 to Oct. 10	12	1,935	3,224	553	24	62	6	3.50	5.22	1.20	6.92
81	Broilers	322	546	1.6	Sept. 29 to Oct. 12	11	811	685	189	26	56	4	4.54	7.41	1.55	8.97
82	Broilers	806	2,740	3.1	Sept. 30 to Oct. 11	12	1,924	1,331	591	22	66	12	3.34	6.47	1.11	6.58
83	do	1,206	3,837	3.2	Oct. 1 to Oct. 12	12	2,462	4,562	725	19	60	22	3.67	6.01	1.22	7.26
84	Broilers	566	1,404	1.6	Oct. 1 to Oct. 13	13	669	2,369	158	39	62	7	3.85	6.35	1.30	7.69
85	Broilers	768	2,317	3.0	Oct. 3 to Oct. 13	11	1,565	2,645	326	14	42	9	4.81	8.01	1.63	9.61
86	do	704	2,124	3.0	Oct. 4 to Oct. 15	12	1,563	2,515	394	19	56	2	3.97	6.65	1.32	7.97
87	do	832	2,563	3.1	Oct. 6 to Oct. 16	11	1,689	2,989	126	17	54	9	3.96	6.68	1.31	7.99
88	do	768	2,311	3.1	Oct. 7 to Oct. 17	11	1,554	2,685	344	15	45	10	4.14	7.61	1.50	9.14
89	Broilers	192	313	1.6	Oct. 7 to Oct. 19	13	663	2,392	79	25	41	9	5.86	9.01	2.01	11.97
90	Broilers	1,140	4,184	3.1	Oct. 8 to Oct. 18	11	2,234	4,817	633	15	47	11	4.32	7.32	1.48	8.80
91	Broilers	704	1,608	1.6	Oct. 8 to Oct. 19	12	1,563	1,457	359	33	54	20	4.35	7.30	1.63	8.97
92	Broilers	610	1,834	2.9	Oct. 10 to Oct. 17	8	911	2,102	268	15	42	8	3.54	6.97	1.27	7.24
93	do	832	2,568	3.1	Oct. 11 to Oct. 20	10	1,548	2,946	398	15	47	6	3.99	6.73	1.52	8.26
94	Broilers	370	529	1.7	Oct. 12 to Oct. 22	11	666	693	164	31	54	3	4.06	6.71	1.56	8.27
95	Broilers	1,020	3,184	3.1	do., . .	11	2,122	3,748	567	18	56	9	3.74	6.49	1.44	7.63
96	do	768	2,316	3.1	Oct. 13 to Oct. 23	11	1,628	2,762	406	17	53	7	4.01	6.62	1.55	8.47
97	Broilers	370	545	1.6	do	11	678	666	154	29	47	4	4.49	7.42	1.74	9.16
98	Broilers	1,340	4,246	3.2	Oct. 15 to Oct. 25	10	2,677	4,904	608	16	50	11	3.93	6.44	1.54	7.98
99	do	704	2,204	3.1	Oct. 17 to Oct. 26	10	1,274	2,456	252	11	36	16	5.06	8.16	2.12	10.28
100	do	768	2,530	3.3	Oct. 18 to Oct. 26	8	1,252	2,894	315	12	41	7	3.97	6.36	1.66	8.62
101	Broilers	492	349	1.7	Oct. 18 to Oct. 30	7	465	126	107	34	56	1	4.63	7.36	1.83	9.19
102	Broilers	768	2,045	3.4	Oct. 20 to Oct. 29	10	1,114	2,820	216	8	28	7	5.48	8.44	2.11	10.28
103	do	832	2,713	3.3	Oct. 21 to Oct. 30	10	1,064	3,024	278	10	33	16	4.99	9.14	2.13	11.65
104	do	832	2,713	3.3	Oct. 22 to Oct. 31	10	1,047	3,064	354	13	42	10	4.69	7.87	1.76	9.43
105	Broilers	256	395	1.5	Oct. 22 to Nov. 1	11	556	401	99	25	39	18	5.62	8.82	2.01	10.86

106	do.....	192	255	1.5	Oct. 24 to Nov. 3.....	11	407	389	104	37	54	7	3.91	6.13	1.42	7.55
107	Roasters..	1,020	3,315	3.3	Oct. 24 to Nov. 1.....	9	1,795	3,658	338	10	33	19	5.31	8.30	1.93	10.23
108	do.....	1,400	4,494	3.2	Oct. 25 to Nov. 2.....	9	2,408	5,051	557	12	40	10	4.32	6.76	1.53	8.29
109	do.....	1,832	2,740	3.3	Oct. 26 to Nov. 3.....	10	1,414	3,144	404	15	49	10	3.50	5.28	1.20	6.68
110	do.....	960	3,009	3.1	Oct. 27 to Nov. 5.....	9	1,757	3,400	391	13	41	20	4.49	7.02	1.50	8.52
111	do.....	705	2,269	3.2	Oct. 28 to Nov. 5.....	9	1,148	2,574	305	15	43	13	3.76	5.89	1.20	7.09
112	Broilers..	263	419	1.6	Oct. 29 to Nov. 9.....	12	579	504	85	20	32	21	6.81	10.05	2.15	12.78
113	Roasters..	1,210	3,863	3.2	Oct. 29 to Nov. 6.....	9	2,021	4,383	520	13	43	14	3.89	6.07	1.23	7.30
114	do.....	704	2,112	3.0	Oct. 31 to Nov. 7.....	9	1,019	2,339	227	11	32	5	4.62	7.22	1.49	8.71
115	do.....	1,060	4,969	3.0	Nov. 1 to Nov. 8.....	8	2,457	5,004	635	13	38	12	3.87	6.04	1.23	7.27
116	Broilers..	320	498	1.6	Nov. 1 to Nov. 14.....	14	797	638	140	28	44	21	5.09	8.91	1.87	10.78
117	Roasters..	768	2,319	3.0	Nov. 2 to Nov. 13.....	8	721	2,566	247	11	32	14	4.54	7.09	1.46	8.55
118	do.....	1,470	4,467	3.0	Nov. 4 to Nov. 14.....	11	2,837	4,800	383	9	27	61	7.22	11.33	2.39	13.72
119	Broilers..	256	409	1.6	Nov. 4 to Nov. 16.....	13	579	515	106	26	41	16	5.46	8.58	1.91	10.49
120	Roasters..	1,470	4,746	3.2	Nov. 5 to Nov. 15.....	11	2,822	5,301	552	12	38	40	5.08	8.01	1.75	9.76
121	Broilers..	320	556	1.7	Nov. 5 to Nov. 16.....	12	666	689	133	24	42	14	5.01	7.86	1.76	9.62
122	Roasters..	2,110	6,860	3.3	Nov. 7 to Nov. 13.....	7	2,532	7,094	234	3	11	109	10.82	17.04	3.52	20.56
123	do.....	1,790	5,753	3.2	Nov. 8 to Nov. 19.....	12	3,654	6,285	532	9	30	66	6.83	10.80	2.56	13.36
124	do.....	768	2,384	3.1	Nov. 9 to Nov. 20.....	12	1,544	2,619	235	10	31	25	6.57	10.43	2.58	13.01
125	do.....	768	2,434	3.2	Nov. 10 to Nov. 21.....	12	1,536	2,625	191	8	25	26	8.04	12.79	2.26	16.05
126	do.....	1,080	3,618	3.4	Nov. 12 to Nov. 23.....	12	2,160	3,836	188	5	17	52	11.05	18.27	4.94	23.21
127	do.....	768	2,469	3.2	Nov. 15 to Nov. 26.....	12	1,528	2,519	50	2	7	54	30.56	49.00	13.52	63.52
128	do.....	893	2,676	3.0	Nov. 19 to Nov. 27.....	9	1,348	2,887	211	8	24	27	6.39	10.11	2.79	12.90
129	do.....	640	2,216	3.5	Nov. 21 to Nov. 30.....	10	1,088	2,355	139	6	22	16	7.83	12.43	3.87	16.30
130	do.....	704	2,167	3.1	Nov. 24 to Dec. 3.....	10	1,190	2,234	67	3	10	40	17.76	28.27	9.03	37.30
131	do.....	448	1,252	2.8	Nov. 29 to Dec. 5.....	7	520	1,324	72	6	16	17	7.22	11.57	4.04	15.61
132	do.....	960	3,177	3.3	Dec. 1 to Dec. 10.....	10	1,661	3,320	143	5	15	38	11.62	18.59	6.04	24.63
133	do.....	960	3,400	3.5	Dec. 3 to Dec. 11.....	9	1,546	3,564	164	5	17	26	9.43	15.04	4.80	19.84
134	do.....	576	1,984	3.4	Dec. 6 to Dec. 15.....	8	870	2,145	161	8	28	9	5.40	8.59	2.90	11.49

## EXPERIMENT C, STATION 4, 1912.

1	Broilers..	640	1,032	1.64	June 22 to July 7.....	16	1,267	1,451	399	38	62	10	3.18	5.82	1.96	7.78
2	do.....	1,280	2,132	1.67	June 26 to July 10.....	15	2,368	2,914	782	37	61	17	3.03	5.62	2.36	7.88
3	do.....	800	1,285	1.61	June 30 to July 15.....	16	1,416	1,708	423	33	53	20	3.35	6.11	2.36	8.47
4	do.....	560	900	1.61	July 2 to July 16.....	15	824	1,091	291	32	52	8	3.18	5.83	2.31	8.17
5	do.....	560	844	1.51	July 3 to July 16.....	14	851	1,088	244	29	44	8	3.49	6.40	2.61	9.01
6	do.....	480	722	1.50	July 4 to July 17.....	14	725	902	180	25	38	15	4.03	7.39	2.91	10.30
7	do.....	560	964	1.72	July 6 to July 21.....	16	991	1,181	217	23	39	7	4.57	8.47	2.87	11.34
8	do.....	560	934	1.67	July 10 to July 22.....	13	762	1,133	189	21	36	13	3.83	7.18	2.22	9.40
9	do.....	480	725	1.31	July 11 to July 23.....	13	648	905	180	25	38	10	3.60	6.77	2.06	8.83
10	do.....	640	1,075	1.63	July 12 to July 23.....	12	806	1,278	203	19	32	14	3.97	7.50	2.14	9.64

## Details of feeding experiments in 1911 and 1912—Continued.

## EXPERIMENT C, STATION 4, 1912—Continued.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.	1912.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
11	Broilers	1,200	1,536	1.28	July 13 to July 24	12	1,524	1,790	254	17	21	24	6.00	11.34	3.17	14.51
12	do.	2,160	3,615	1.67	July 14 to July 26	13	2,808	4,219	604	17	28	73	4.65	8.80	2.47	11.27
13	do.	560	843	1.51	July 16 to July 28	13	739	938	95	11	17	50	7.78	14.67	3.95	18.62
14	do.	960	1,599	1.67	July 17 to July 28	12	1,162	1,691	92	6	10	90	12.00	23.89	6.37	30.26
15	do.	1,000	2,631	1.64	July 17 to July 29	13	2,080	3,149	518	20	32	44	4.02	7.60	2.04	9.64
16	do.	1,680	2,560	1.52	July 20 to July 31	12	1,982	3,073	513	20	31	70	3.86	7.14	1.77	8.91
17	Springers	1,680	2,961	1.76	July 21 to Aug. 1	12	1,966	3,438	477	16	28	59	4.12	7.57	1.90	9.47
18	Broilers	1,600	2,329	1.46	July 22 to Aug. 2	12	1,872	2,920	591	25	37	62	3.17	5.79	1.49	7.28
19	do.	1,360	2,324	1.71	July 23 to Aug. 4	13	1,782	2,796	472	20	35	25	3.78	6.83	1.70	8.53
20	do.	560	962	1.72	July 24 to Aug. 5	13	1,750	1,173	211	22	38	28	3.55	6.40	1.49	7.89
21	do.	1,200	2,028	1.69	do.	13	1,608	2,558	530	26	44	27	3.03	5.46	1.27	6.73
22	Springers	1,680	2,986	1.78	July 24 to Aug. 6	14	2,470	3,719	733	25	44	22	3.37	6.07	1.38	7.45
23	Broilers	1,440	2,407	1.67	July 25 to Aug. 7	14	2,189	3,189	782	32	54	34	2.80	5.03	1.09	6.12
24	do.	1,760	2,780	1.58	July 27 to Aug. 8	13	2,640	3,581	801	29	46	94	3.30	5.93	1.19	7.12
25	do.	1,200	2,033	1.71	do.	13	1,800	2,639	586	28	49	37	3.07	5.53	1.11	6.64
26	do.	1,680	2,821	1.68	July 28 to Aug. 9	13	2,587	3,676	855	30	51	51	3.03	5.44	1.04	6.48
27	Springers	1,200	2,123	1.77	July 29 to Aug. 11	14	2,052	2,680	537	25	45	28	3.82	6.84	1.32	8.16
28	Broilers	1,640	1,004	1.57	July 30 to Aug. 11	13	1,037	1,343	339	34	53	28	3.06	5.46	1.02	6.48
29	do.	1,730	3,049	1.73	July 31 to Aug. 12	13	2,869	3,915	868	28	49	18	3.31	5.93	1.10	7.03
30	Springers	1,120	1,980	1.77	Aug. 1 to Aug. 12	12	1,714	2,471	491	25	44	26	3.49	6.27	1.14	7.41
31	do.	1,600	2,917	1.82	Aug. 2 to Aug. 13	12	2,480	3,574	657	23	41	26	3.77	6.82	1.22	8.04
32	do.	2,000	3,949	1.97	Aug. 3 to Aug. 14	12	2,600	4,779	830	21	42	17	3.13	5.69	.99	6.68
33	Broilers	880	1,450	1.65	Aug. 6 to Aug. 14	9	1,030	1,797	347	24	39	18	2.97	5.40	.96	6.36
34	Springers	2,560	4,578	1.79	Aug. 4 to Aug. 15	12	3,968	7,798	1,220	26	48	39	3.25	5.94	1.03	6.97
35	do.	2,160	3,861	1.79	Aug. 7 to Aug. 18	12	3,326	4,921	1,060	28	59	46	3.14	5.73	1.06	6.79
36	do.	1,360	2,610	1.92	Aug. 8 to Aug. 19	12	2,081	3,169	559	21	41	29	3.72	6.76	1.26	8.02
37	do.	960	1,879	1.96	Aug. 9 to Aug. 19	11	1,334	2,253	374	20	39	6	3.57	6.52	1.23	7.75
38	do.	1,200	2,361	1.97	Aug. 9 to Aug. 20	12	1,812	2,869	508	22	42	24	3.57	6.52	1.25	7.77
39	do.	1,760	3,372	1.92	Aug. 10 to Aug. 20	11	2,429	3,947	575	17	33	45	3.42	7.68	1.50	9.18
40	do.	1,920	3,579	1.86	Aug. 11 to Aug. 21	11	2,669	4,461	872	24	45	38	3.06	5.57	1.08	6.65

41	do.	1,200	2,336	1.95	Aug. 12 to Aug. 22...	11	1,704	2,864	528	22	44	10	3.23	5.86	1.14	7.00
42	do.	1,880	1,703	1.94	Aug. 10 to Aug. 22...	13	1,470	2,064	361	21	41	14	4.07	7.41	1.44	8.85
43	do.	2,320	4,468	1.93	Aug. 14 to Aug. 23...	10	3,016	5,367	899	20	30	17	3.36	6.09	1.21	7.30
44	do.	1,200	2,334	1.95	Aug. 15 to Aug. 25...	11	1,728	2,815	481	21	30	5	3.59	6.54	1.32	7.86
45	do.	1,200	2,409	2.01	Aug. 16 to Aug. 25...	10	1,560	2,818	409	17	34	3	3.81	6.98	1.41	8.39
46	do.	1,760	3,333	1.89	Aug. 17 to Aug. 26...	10	2,288	4,044	711	21	40	88	3.22	5.87	1.19	7.06
47	do.	1,760	3,554	2.02	Aug. 18 to Aug. 27...	10	2,270	4,247	693	20	39	24	3.28	5.97	1.24	7.21
48	do.	1,680	3,652	2.17	Aug. 18 to Aug. 28...	11	2,335	4,244	590	16	35	7	3.96	7.26	1.54	8.80
49	do.	1,520	3,133	2.06	Aug. 20 to Aug. 29...	10	1,961	3,682	549	18	36	17	3.57	6.53	1.41	7.94
50	do.	2,080	4,391	2.11	Aug. 21 to Aug. 30...	10	2,683	5,320	929	21	45	21	2.89	5.31	1.14	6.45
51	do.	1,360	2,695	1.98	Aug. 22 to Sept. 2...	12	2,081	3,293	598	22	44	17	3.48	6.34	1.41	7.75
52	do.	1,800	3,865	2.15	Aug. 23 to Sept. 3...	12	2,700	4,698	833	22	46	21	3.24	5.92	1.34	7.26
53	do.	1,600	3,247	2.03	Aug. 24 to Sept. 4...	12	2,384	3,900	653	20	41	25	3.65	6.02	1.49	8.11
54	do.	1,700	3,826	2.17	Aug. 25 to Sept. 5...	12	2,622	4,687	861	23	49	9	3.05	5.52	1.21	6.73
55	do.	1,760	3,867	2.20	Aug. 26 to Sept. 6...	12	2,622	4,614	747	19	42	21	3.51	6.34	1.41	7.75
56	do.	640	1,179	1.84	Aug. 27 to Sept. 8...	13	1,056	1,563	384	33	60	11	2.75	4.93	1.08	6.01
57	do.	1,440	2,806	1.95	Aug. 28 to Sept. 8...	12	2,203	3,660	854	30	59	30	2.58	4.62	1.01	5.63
58	do.	1,280	2,812	2.20	Aug. 29 to Sept. 9...	12	1,971	3,341	529	19	41	7	3.73	6.08	1.45	8.13
59	do.	1,600	3,494	2.18	Aug. 30 to Sept. 9...	11	2,272	4,119	625	18	39	15	3.64	6.50	1.41	7.91
60	do.	1,280	2,878	2.25	Aug. 31 to Sept. 10...	11	1,850	3,340	462	16	36	4	3.96	7.07	1.55	8.62
61	do.	2,720	6,089	2.24	Sept. 1 to Sept. 11...	11	3,862	7,149	1,060	17	39	15	3.64	6.49	1.44	7.93
62	do.	560	1,213	2.17	Sept. 3 to Sept. 12...	10	1,739	1,508	285	24	53	4	2.51	4.46	1.09	5.45
63	do.	1,120	2,482	2.22	Sept. 4 to Sept. 15...	12	1,859	3,042	560	23	50	24	3.32	5.88	1.24	7.12
64	do.	1,440	3,048	2.12	Sept. 5 to Sept. 16...	12	2,448	3,810	762	25	53	18	3.21	5.69	1.17	6.86
65	do.	1,520	3,254	2.14	Sept. 6 to Sept. 16...	11	2,371	4,080	826	25	54	18	2.87	5.08	1.07	6.19
66	do.	1,920	4,316	2.25	Sept. 7 to Sept. 17...	11	3,072	5,243	927	22	48	46	3.31	5.86	1.22	7.08
67	do.	1,680	3,904	2.32	Sept. 9 to Sept. 18...	10	2,520	4,897	923	24	55	29	2.73	4.81	1.00	5.81
68	do.	1,600	3,751	2.34	Sept. 9 to Sept. 19...	11	2,672	4,597	846	23	53	32	3.16	5.54	1.13	6.67
69	do.	1,200	2,596	2.16	Sept. 11 to Sept. 20...	10	1,884	3,385	789	30	66	18	2.39	4.18	.84	5.68
70	do.	1,600	3,597	2.25	Sept. 12 to Sept. 22...	11	2,832	4,637	1,040	29	65	6	2.72	4.80	.88	5.02
71	Broilers...	640	790	1.23	Sept. 9 to Sept. 22...	14	1,376	1,096	306	39	48	46	4.50	7.95	1.55	9.50
72	Springers...	1,280	3,027	2.36	Sept. 13 to Sept. 23...	11	2,317	3,807	780	26	61	14	2.97	5.23	.92	6.15
73	do.	1,520	3,837	2.52	Sept. 14 to Sept. 23...	10	2,493	4,519	682	18	45	16	3.66	6.46	1.11	7.57
74	do.	1,600	3,664	2.29	Sept. 15 to Sept. 24...	10	2,656	4,472	808	22	51	25	3.29	5.82	.99	6.81
75	do.	1,440	3,379	2.35	do.	10	2,390	4,107	728	22	51	33	3.28	5.82	.99	6.81
76	do.	1,600	3,933	2.46	Sept. 18 to Sept. 25...	8	2,176	4,618	685	17	43	35	3.18	5.65	.91	6.56
77	do.	960	2,251	2.34	Sept. 17 to Sept. 25...	9	1,459	2,706	455	20	47	26	3.21	5.72	.86	6.67
78	do.	2,160	5,316	2.46	Sept. 19 to Sept. 28...	8	2,916	6,298	982	18	46	10	2.97	5.35	.95	6.21
79	do.	1,840	4,691	2.55	Sept. 20 to Sept. 28...	7	2,190	5,438	767	16	42	8	2.86	5.13	.82	5.95
80	do.	2,160	5,323	2.46	Sept. 21 to Sept. 29...	9	3,477	6,353	1,030	19	48	31	3.38	5.98	.92	6.90

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EXPERIMENT C, STATION 4, 1912—Continued.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.	1912.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
81	Springers	1,200	2,981	2.48	Sept. 22 to Sept. 29.	8	1,716	3,499	518	17	61	11	3.31	5.88	0.90	6.78
82	do.	1,040	2,716	2.61	Sept. 22 to Sept. 30.	9	1,695	3,349	633	23	59	2	2.68	4.70	.72	5.42
83	do.	2,080	4,943	2.38	do.	9	3,390	6,163	1,220	25	39	22	2.78	4.88	.75	5.63
84	do.	2,160	5,454	2.53	Sept. 24 to Oct. 1.	8	3,197	6,504	1,050	19	48	35	3.04	5.29	.84	6.13
85	do.	1,840	4,522	2.46	Sept. 25 to Oct. 2.	8	2,723	5,506	984	22	54	9	2.77	4.84	.77	5.61
86	do.	2,080	5,357	2.59	Sept. 26 to Oct. 3.	8	3,099	6,359	972	18	47	10	3.19	5.56	.90	6.46
87	do.	1,880	2,157	2.45	Sept. 27 to Oct. 3.	7	1,162	2,482	325	15	37	5	3.58	6.17	.98	7.15
88	do.	1,200	2,916	2.43	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4.	8	1,764	3,513	627	22	52	33	2.81	4.92	.80	5.72
89	do.	1,840	4,466	2.43	Sept. 28 to Oct. 4.	7	2,337	5,099	633	14	34	32	3.69	6.39	1.05	7.44
90	do.	2,800	6,758	2.41	Sept. 29 to Oct. 6.	8	3,780	7,898	1,140	17	41	32	3.32	5.92	.93	6.85
91	do.	720	1,873	2.60	do.	8	972	2,100	227	12	32	14	4.28	7.64	1.21	8.85
92	do.	2,720	6,571	2.42	Oct. 1 to Oct. 7.	7	3,128	7,701	1,130	17	41	26	2.77	5.03	.82	5.85
93	do.	2,080	5,049	2.43	Oct. 2 to Oct. 9.	8	2,746	6,046	997	20	48	24	2.75	4.94	.86	5.80
94	do.	1,440	3,551	2.47	Oct. 3 to Oct. 9.	7	1,642	4,087	536	15	37	17	3.06	5.48	.97	6.45
95	do.	800	1,753	2.17	Oct. 3 to Oct. 10.	8	1,056	2,044	311	18	39	27	3.40	6.05	1.08	7.13
96	do.	2,640	6,581	2.49	Oct. 5 to Oct. 11.	7	3,062	7,741	1,160	18	44	19	2.64	4.67	.82	5.49
97	do.	2,400	6,552	2.73	Oct. 6 to Oct. 14.	9	3,648	7,612	1,060	16	44	24	3.44	6.09	.97	7.06
98	do.	1,760	4,167	2.37	Oct. 6 to Oct. 15.	10	2,974	5,227	1,060	15	60	16	2.81	5.03	.80	5.83
99	do.	1,840	4,620	2.51	Oct. 8 to Oct. 15.	8	2,558	5,419	799	17	43	21	3.29	5.64	.92	6.56
100	do.	1,440	3,457	2.40	Oct. 9 to Oct. 16.	8	2,002	4,066	609	18	42	21	3.29	5.82	.92	6.74
101	Broilers	800	1,482	1.85	Oct. 8 to Oct. 16.	9	1,248	1,856	374	25	47	16	3.34	5.90	.96	6.86
102	Springers	1,760	4,408	2.50	Oct. 10 to Oct. 17.	8	2,446	5,269	861	20	49	27	2.84	5.01	.78	5.79
103	do.	1,620	1,541	2.37	Oct. 11 to Oct. 18.	8	2,650	5,420	879	19	46	12	2.96	5.35	.83	6.18
104	Broilers	720	1,245	1.73	Oct. 12 to Oct. 20.	9	1,123	1,602	357	29	49	15	3.15	5.61	.81	6.42
105	Springers	1,040	2,960	2.85	do.	9	1,622	3,430	470	16	45	13	3.45	6.15	.89	7.04
106	Broilers	1,120	1,917	1.71	Oct. 13 to Oct. 23.	11	1,128	2,558	641	34	57	14	3.32	5.91	.89	6.80
107	Roasters	1,760	4,972	2.83	Oct. 15 to Oct. 23.	9	2,763	5,889	867	17	49	15	3.19	5.68	.89	6.53
108	Broilers	960	1,600	1.67	Oct. 15 to Oct. 24.	10	1,690	2,085	485	30	51	17	3.48	6.14	.97	7.15
109	Roasters	1,040	3,156	3.03	Oct. 16 to Oct. 24.	9	1,643	3,315	359	11	35	20	4.58	8.14	1.28	9.42
110	Broilers	640	1,139	1.78	Oct. 16 to Oct. 25.	10	1,133	1,446	307	27	48	13	3.69	6.52	1.04	7.56



111	Roasters..	1,200	3,676	3.06	Oct. 17 to Oct. 25...	9	1,908	4,169	493	13	41	14	3.87	6.86	1.10	7.96
112	Broilers...	1,120	1,886	1.68	Oct. 17 to Oct. 27...	11	2,173	594	594	32	53	20	3.66	6.52	1.06	7.58
113	Roasters...	1,680	4,785	2.85	Oct. 18 to Oct. 27...	10	2,990	5,462	677	14	40	32	3.42	7.87	1.27	9.14
114	do.....	1,120	3,409	3.04	Oct. 19 to Oct. 28...	10	1,994	3,775	366	11	33	14	5.45	9.73	1.53	11.26
115	Broilers...	560	953	1.70	Oct. 18 to Oct. 28...	11	1,098	1,219	266	28	48	10	4.13	7.35	1.18	8.53
116	Roasters...	1,360	4,118	3.03	Oct. 19 to Oct. 29...	11	2,652	4,636	518	13	38	15	5.12	9.14	1.50	10.64
117	do.....	1,280	3,867	3.02	Oct. 20 to Oct. 30...	9	2,035	3,46	346	9	27	26	5.88	10.47	1.85	12.32
118	Broilers...	800	1,336	1.67	Oct. 20 to Nov. 4...	16	2,272	4,211	475	36	59	22	4.78	8.52	1.47	9.99
119	do.....	880	1,581	1.80	Oct. 22 to Nov. 5...	15	2,323	2,010	429	27	49	40	5.41	9.64	1.70	11.34
120	Roasters...	720	2,181	3.03	Oct. 25 to Nov. 6...	13	1,627	2,565	384	18	53	13	4.24	7.50	1.37	8.87
121	Broilers...	480	805	1.68	Oct. 24 to Nov. 6...	14	1,176	1,071	266	33	55	13	4.42	7.83	1.41	9.24
122	Roasters...	1,520	4,688	3.08	Oct. 27 to Nov. 7...	12	3,131	5,281	593	13	39	20	5.28	9.31	1.69	11.00
123	do.....	800	2,564	3.21	Oct. 26 to Nov. 7...	13	1,792	2,793	229	9	29	11	7.83	13.82	2.52	16.32
124	Broilers...	560	927	1.66	Oct. 27 to Nov. 8...	13	1,249	1,272	345	37	62	3	3.62	6.36	1.19	7.55
125	Roasters...	880	2,734	3.11	Oct. 29 to Nov. 9...	11	1,654	3,053	319	12	36	10	5.19	9.05	1.68	10.73
126	do.....	1,040	3,223	3.10	Oct. 30 to Nov. 11...	13	2,319	3,624	401	12	39	20	5.78	9.96	1.92	11.88
127	Broilers...	480	793	1.65	do.....	13	1,070	1,027	294	30	49	20	4.57	7.88	1.52	9.40
128	Roasters...	720	2,759	2.82	Oct. 31 to Nov. 12...	13	1,627	2,416	316	15	44	13	5.15	8.77	1.69	10.46
129	Broilers...	480	785	1.64	do.....	13	1,085	1,028	243	31	51	27	4.47	7.60	1.46	9.06
130	do.....	640	1,035	1.62	Nov. 3 to Nov. 14...	12	1,318	1,348	313	30	49	37	4.21	6.10	1.37	7.47
131	Roasters...	1,280	4,043	3.16	do.....	12	2,637	4,578	535	13	42	23	4.93	8.30	1.60	9.90
132	do.....	880	2,800	3.18	Nov. 5 to Nov. 15...	11	1,681	3,156	336	13	40	11	4.72	7.81	1.58	9.39
133	do.....	960	2,828	2.95	Nov. 6 to Nov. 17...	12	1,997	3,213	385	14	40	16	5.19	8.58	1.72	10.30
134	Broilers...	720	1,264	1.76	Nov. 5 to Nov. 17...	13	1,678	1,622	358	28	50	22	4.69	7.46	1.49	8.95
135	do.....	400	633	1.58	Nov. 6 to Nov. 18...	13	900	843	210	33	53	10	4.29	7.10	1.45	8.55
136	Roasters...	800	2,469	3.09	Nov. 8 to Nov. 18...	11	1,536	2,781	312	13	39	10	4.92	8.23	1.69	9.92
137	Broilers...	400	652	1.63	Nov. 8 to Nov. 19...	12	840	849	197	30	49	8	4.26	7.11	1.48	8.59
138	do.....	400	674	1.69	Nov. 9 to Nov. 20...	12	844	943	269	40	67	3	3.14	5.22	1.10	6.32
139	Roasters...	1,920	6,037	3.14	Nov. 10 to Nov. 20...	11	3,725	6,777	740	12	39	25	5.03	8.35	1.74	10.09
140	do.....	640	1,973	3.08	Nov. 12 to Nov. 21...	10	1,120	2,165	192	10	30	10	5.83	9.70	2.10	11.80
141	Broilers...	560	890	1.59	Nov. 10 to Nov. 21...	12	1,170	1,206	316	35	56	10	3.70	6.17	1.31	7.48
142	Roasters...	1,040	3,338	3.21	Nov. 13 to Nov. 25...	13	2,319	3,672	334	7	32	40	6.94	11.40	2.46	13.86
143	do.....	880	2,822	3.21	Nov. 14 to Nov. 25...	12	1,804	3,103	281	10	32	20	6.42	10.52	2.28	12.80
144	do.....	1,200	4,179	3.48	Nov. 15 to Nov. 26...	12	2,436	4,419	240	6	20	36	10.15	16.65	3.65	20.30
145	do.....	2,160	7,304	3.38	Nov. 17 to Nov. 28...	12	4,277	7,730	426	6	20	58	10.04	16.38	3.70	20.08
146	Broilers...	320	536	1.68	Nov. 15 to Nov. 28...	14	752	7,088	152	28	48	17	4.95	8.09	1.79	9.88
147	do.....	640	1,038	1.62	Nov. 16 to Nov. 28...	13	1,376	1,284	246	24	38	30	5.59	9.16	2.06	11.22

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## EXPERIMENT D, STATION 2, 1911.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.	1911.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
1	Broilers...	480	831	1.7	July 25 to Aug. 7...	14	979	1,143	312	38	65	3	3.14	5.98	1.26	7.15
2	do.	800	1,379	1.7	July 27 to Aug. 10...	15	1,064	1,863	484	35	61	9	3.44	6.45	1.29	7.74
3	Springers...	960	2,008	2.1	July 28 to Aug. 11...	15	1,968	2,519	511	25	53	21	3.85	7.46	1.45	8.91
4	do.	1,360	2,452	1.8	July 29 to Aug. 14...	17	3,033	3,603	898	37	66	18	3.50	6.63	1.29	7.92
5	do.	800	1,401	1.8	July 30 to Aug. 14...	16	1,688	1,853	452	32	57	26	3.73	7.35	1.43	8.78
6	do.	640	1,145	1.8	Aug. 1 to Aug. 15...	15	1,286	1,541	396	35	62	14	3.25	6.37	1.23	7.60
7	do.	1,120	2,129	1.9	Aug. 2 to Aug. 16...	15	2,262	2,608	479	23	43	56	4.72	9.24	1.73	10.97
8	do.	1,720	3,446	1.9	Aug. 4 to Aug. 17...	14	1,310	1,618	272	20	38	23	4.82	9.61	1.80	11.41
9	do.	1,500	2,905	1.9	Aug. 5 to Aug. 18...	14	2,745	3,464	558	19	37	43	4.92	9.79	1.83	11.62
10	do.	1,880	3,599	1.9	Aug. 6 to Aug. 20...	15	3,666	4,597	998	28	53	50	3.67	7.35	1.41	8.76
11	do.	400	718	1.8	Aug. 8 to Aug. 22...	15	1,764	920	202	28	51	14	3.78	7.56	1.58	9.14
12	do.	1,100	2,102	1.9	Aug. 11 to Aug. 24...	14	2,085	2,726	624	30	57	28	3.26	6.56	1.36	7.92
13	do.	2,540	5,182	2.0	Aug. 12 to Aug. 27...	16	5,613	1,334	1,334	26	53	96	4.21	8.43	1.73	10.16
14	do.	560	1,224	2.0	Aug. 15 to Aug. 29...	15	1,193	1,501	370	34	68	13	3.15	6.32	1.33	7.65
15	do.	560	1,232	2.2	Aug. 18 to Aug. 31...	14	1,142	1,592	358	29	64	15	3.19	6.48	1.36	7.84
16	do.	1,600	3,533	2.2	Aug. 20 to Sept. 3...	15	3,584	4,517	984	28	62	32	3.64	7.41	1.50	8.91
17	do.	1,832	2,876	2.2	Aug. 24 to Sept. 5...	13	1,639	2,403	546	29	66	9	3.00	6.05	1.17	7.22
18	do.	1,150	2,683	2.3	Aug. 24 to Sept. 7...	14	2,373	3,434	758	28	66	9	3.13	6.39	1.22	7.61
19	do.	1,020	2,401	2.4	Aug. 26 to Sept. 7...	13	1,925	3,066	665	28	65	13	2.89	5.79	1.14	6.93
20	do.	1,470	3,238	2.2	Aug. 27 to Sept. 10...	15	3,165	4,321	1,083	33	74	24	2.92	5.76	1.11	6.87
21	do.	1,100	2,510	2.3	Aug. 29 to Sept. 6...	9	1,408	3,045	535	21	49	5	2.63	5.35	1.01	6.36
22	do.	1,060	2,399	2.3	Aug. 31 to Sept. 13...	14	2,162	3,158	759	32	72	11	2.85	5.67	1.06	6.73
23	do.	1,140	2,683	2.4	Sept. 1 to Sept. 14...	14	2,311	3,279	596	22	52	19	3.88	7.71	1.48	9.19
24	do.	1,480	3,202	2.2	Sept. 2 to Sept. 11...	10	2,161	3,997	795	25	54	24	2.72	5.31	.99	6.30
25	do.	1,380	3,162	2.3	Sept. 3 to Sept. 12...	10	1,975	3,870	708	22	51	13	2.79	5.46	1.04	6.50
26	Broilers...	512	1,065	2.1	Sept. 6 to Sept. 19...	14	1,055	1,418	353	33	69	17	2.99	6.01	1.13	7.14
27	do.	768	1,419	1.9	Sept. 7 to Sept. 20...	14	1,628	1,934	515	36	67	33	3.16	6.38	1.18	7.56
28	Roasters...	572	1,278	2.2	Sept. 7 to Sept. 15...	9	744	1,562	284	22	52	12	2.62	5.26	1.01	6.27
29	Broilers...	560	1,120	2.0	Sept. 8 to Sept. 21...	14	1,193	1,430	310	28	55	10	3.85	7.86	1.45	9.31
30	Roasters...	864	2,301	2.7	Sept. 8 to Sept. 15...	8	994	2,483	182	8	21	15	5.46	11.10	2.14	13.24



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## EXPERIMENT D, STATION 2, 1911—Continued.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed. Pounds.	Total weight out.	Total gain. Pounds.	Per cent. gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
		Head.	Pounds.	Pounds.	1911.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
76	Roasters..	1,020	3,146	3.1	Oct. 18 to Oct. 25....	8	1,601	3,514	268	12	36	8	4.35	9.48	1.55	11.03
77	do.....	1,610	5,029	3.1	Oct. 19 to Oct. 26....	8	2,560	5,649	620	12	39	18	4.13	8.79	1.28	10.41
78	Broilers..	400	649	1.6	Oct. 20 to Nov. 2....	14	1,080	844	195	30	49	18	5.55	12.29	2.26	14.55
79	Roasters..	960	3,201	3.3	Oct. 20 to Oct. 27....	7	1,546	3,508	307	9	32	11	5.04	10.91	1.84	12.75
80	do.....	956	3,014	3.2	Oct. 21 to Oct. 27....	7	1,358	3,388	374	12	39	7	3.63	7.82	1.33	9.15
81	do.....	1,280	4,027	3.2	Oct. 22 to Oct. 29....	8	2,099	4,544	517	13	40	19	4.06	8.96	1.54	10.50
82	Broilers..	320	537	1.7	Oct. 22 to Nov. 3....	13	806	734	197	37	62	12	4.09	9.08	1.71	10.79
83	Roasters..	832	2,524	3.0	Oct. 24 to Oct. 31....	8	1,290	2,867	343	14	41	13	3.76	8.32	1.62	9.34
84	do.....	1,470	4,642	3.2	Oct. 26 to Nov. 2....	8	2,205	5,155	513	11	35	24	4.30	9.77	1.92	11.79
85	do.....	1,340	4,414	3.3	Oct. 29 to Nov. 5....	8	1,876	4,879	465	11	35	28	4.03	8.96	1.85	10.81
86	do.....	1,290	3,944	3.1	Nov. 1 to Nov. 7....	7	1,574	4,273	329	8	26	8	4.79	10.58	1.99	12.57
87	do.....	1,340	4,231	3.2	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8....	7	1,675	4,762	531	13	40	12	3.15	6.79	1.26	8.05
88	do.....	1,140	3,817	3.4	Nov. 4 to Nov. 9....	6	1,186	4,120	303	8	27	15	3.91	8.28	1.50	9.78
89	do.....	1,700	5,360	3.3	Nov. 7 to Nov. 13....	7	2,227	6,044	454	8	27	24	4.91	9.92	1.87	11.49
90	do.....	1,800	5,624	3.1	Nov. 8 to Nov. 14....	7	2,358	6,086	462	8	26	18	5.10	10.69	1.98	11.77
91	do.....	2,040	6,482	3.2	Nov. 9 to Nov. 15....	7	2,754	7,242	760	12	37	8	3.62	7.41	1.15	8.56
92	do.....	2,130	6,768	3.2	Nov. 10 to Nov. 16....	7	2,876	7,385	617	9	29	33	4.66	9.46	1.32	10.98
93	do.....	1,330	4,459	3.4	Nov. 11 to Nov. 19....	9	2,221	4,778	319	7	24	8	6.96	14.07	2.50	16.97
94	do.....	1,240	3,766	3.0	Nov. 12 to Nov. 19....	8	1,872	4,066	300	8	24	23	6.24	13.47	2.31	15.37
95	do.....	1,210	3,595	3.0	Nov. 15 to Nov. 21....	7	1,525	3,971	376	11	31	16	4.06	8.88	1.64	10.52
96	do.....	1,340	4,062	3.0	Nov. 17 to Nov. 22....	6	1,380	4,374	312	8	23	13	4.42	9.66	1.89	11.55
97	do.....	1,340	4,316	3.2	Nov. 19 to Nov. 24....	6	1,434	4,666	350	8	26	15	4.10	8.77	1.76	10.53
98	do.....	1,080	3,596	3.3	Nov. 22 to Nov. 27....	6	1,220	3,786	190	5	18	17	6.22	13.47	2.62	16.09
99	do.....	1,530	5,528	3.6	Nov. 24 to Nov. 30....	7	1,958	5,645	117	2	8	27	16.74	35.31	6.80	42.11
100	do.....	1,080	3,592	3.3	Nov. 26 to Dec. 1....	6	1,112	3,914	322	9	30	4	3.45	7.48	1.41	8.89
101	do.....	1,510	5,114	3.3	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4....	6	1,760	5,593	479	9	31	21	3.67	8.08	1.34	9.42
102	do.....	896	3,416	3.8	Dec. 3 to Dec. 8....	6	1,030	3,488	72	2	8	16	14.31	30.86	6.72	37.58
103	do.....	768	2,449	3.2	Dec. 6 to Dec. 11....	6	914	2,667	218	9	28	15	4.19	9.06	2.39	11.45



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## EXPERIMENT D, STATION 2, 1912—Continued.

Lot.	Class.	Number in.	Total weight in.	Average weight in.	Dates fed.	Days fed.	Total feed.	Total weight out.	Total gain.	Per cent gain.	Gain per 100 head.	Dead.	Grain per pound of gain.	Total cost of feed per pound of gain.	Cost of labor per pound of gain.	Total cost per pound of gain.
			Pounds.	Pounds.	1912.		Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Per cent.	Pounds.	Head.	Pounds.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
41	Springers.	2,780	7,100	2.55	Sept. 23 to Oct. 2	10	5,782	3,560	1,460	21	53	39	3.96	7.90	0.90	8.80
42	do.	1,240	3,100	2.50	Sept. 24 to Oct. 3	10	2,610	3,810	1,710	23	53	20	3.68	8.27	0.84	8.11
43	do.	1,960	2,439	2.54	Sept. 25 to Oct. 4	10	1,967	2,928	489	20	51	5	4.08	8.11	.94	9.05
44	do.	1,470	3,815	2.60	Sept. 26 to Oct. 6	11	3,293	4,503	688	18	47	15	4.79	9.57	1.13	10.70
45	do.	1,576	1,434	2.49	Sept. 27 to Oct. 6	10	1,158	1,775	341	24	59	6	3.40	6.82	.81	7.63
46	do.	4,180	10,571	2.53	Sept. 29 to Oct. 8	10	8,444	12,741	2,170	21	52	38	3.89	7.78	.96	8.74
47	do.	1,990	5,247	2.64	Sept. 29 to Oct. 9	11	4,438	6,065	818	16	41	30	3.43	10.83	1.36	12.19
48	do.	1,660	1,772	2.68	Oct. 1 to Oct. 9	9	1,175	2,092	320	18	48	4	3.67	7.34	.93	8.33
49	do.	1,840	5,036	2.74	Oct. 3 to Oct. 11	9	3,110	5,003	567	11	31	36	5.49	11.23	1.33	12.76
50	do.	1,540	4,149	2.69	Oct. 5 to Oct. 15	11	3,265	4,754	605	15	39	28	5.40	10.89	1.38	12.27
51	do.	800	2,315	2.89	do.	11	1,696	2,692	377	16	47	16	4.50	9.07	1.15	10.22
52	do.	1,500	4,232	2.82	Oct. 6 to Oct. 16	11	3,210	4,870	638	15	43	28	5.32	10.11	1.25	11.36
53	do.	2,390	6,796	2.84	Oct. 9 to Oct. 21	13	6,118	7,946	1,540	17	48	55	5.32	10.21	1.31	11.52
54	do.	1,080	2,789	2.58	Oct. 11 to Oct. 22	12	2,506	3,331	1,502	19	50	23	4.62	8.78	1.16	9.95
55	do.	1,180	3,181	2.70	Oct. 10 to Oct. 23	14	3,245	3,579	398	13	34	28	8.15	15.60	2.02	17.62
56	do.	960	2,006	2.71	Oct. 11 to Oct. 23	13	2,419	3,036	430	17	45	39	5.63	10.72	1.41	12.13
57	do.	1,920	5,198	2.71	Oct. 11 to Oct. 24	14	5,203	6,134	936	18	49	42	5.56	10.48	1.40	11.88
58	do.	940	1,653	2.66	Oct. 11 to Oct. 25	15	1,164	1,342	179	15	45	13	6.50	12.16	1.65	13.81
59	do.	940	2,680	2.86	do.	15	2,735	3,175	489	18	52	23	5.50	10.46	1.42	11.96
60	do.	480	1,321	2.75	Oct. 13 to Oct. 27	15	1,397	1,472	151	11	31	15	9.25	17.13	2.32	19.45
61	do.	2,869	2,869	2.90	do.	15	2,794	3,109	240	8	25	45	11.64	21.36	2.92	24.48
62	do.	1,600	4,833	3.02	Oct. 17 to Oct. 29	13	5,984	5,292	459	10	29	45	15.83	18.33	2.30	20.63
63	do.	1,040	3,205	3.08	Oct. 19 to Oct. 30	12	2,423	3,484	279	9	27	25	8.69	15.58	2.27	17.85
64	do.	1,680	5,077	3.02	Oct. 20 to Oct. 31	12	3,965	5,725	648	13	39	32	12.72	11.09	1.63	12.72
65	do.	1,300	4,263	3.23	Oct. 22 to Nov. 1	11	2,860	4,435	232	6	18	44	12.33	22.75	3.47	26.22
66	do.	708	2,534	3.30	do.	11	1,690	2,895	361	14	47	8	4.68	8.64	1.32	9.96
67	do.	924	3,004	3.25	Oct. 25 to Nov. 3	10	1,894	2,980	280	9	30	30	6.76	12.90	1.98	14.88
68	do.	2,280	7,701	3.38	Oct. 29 to Nov. 4	9	4,204	8,427	796	9	32	38	5.87	11.37	1.76	13.13
69	do.	1,000	3,446	3.25	Oct. 30 to Nov. 5	7	1,643	3,843	397	12	38	10	4.14	8.04	1.34	9.38
70	do.	512	1,373	2.68	Oct. 30 to Nov. 6	8	906	1,506	133	10	26	2	6.81	13.36	2.35	15.71

71	do.	572	1,844	3.22	Oct. 31 to Nov. 6	7	881	2,036	192	10	34	3	4.59	9.15	1.64	10.79
72	do.	1,470	4,862	3.31	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	6	1,882	5,324	462	10	31	10	4.07	8.31	1.62	9.93
73	do.	1,660	5,606	3.37	Nov. 5 to Nov. 10	6	2,158	5,899	299	5	18	13	7.22	13.82	3.05	16.87
74	do.	1,470	5,762	3.24	Nov. 6 to Nov. 11	6	1,882	5,088	326	7	22	7	5.77	11.09	2.52	13.61
75	do.	768	2,559	3.33	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	6	975	2,695	136	5	18	5	7.17	13.66	3.16	16.82
76	do.	1,720	5,978	3.48	Nov. 8 to Nov. 13	6	2,305	6,353	375	6	22	11	6.15	11.60	2.61	14.21
77	do.	1,980	6,633	3.35	Nov. 9 to Nov. 14	6	2,752	7,203	570	9	23	15	4.83	9.34	1.98	11.32
78	do.	2,170	7,210	3.32	Nov. 10 to Nov. 17	8	3,819	7,699	489	7	29	24	7.81	14.60	3.28	17.88
79	do.	512	1,758	3.43	Nov. 12 to Nov. 18	7	799	1,923	165	9	32	3	4.84	8.59	2.02	10.61
80	do.	1,020	3,601	3.53	Nov. 13 to Nov. 19	7	1,561	3,799	198	6	19	12	7.88	13.60	2.99	16.59
81	do.	832	2,873	3.45	Nov. 14 to Nov. 19	6	1,048	3,078	205	7	25	4	5.11	8.57	1.95	10.52
82	do.	1,470	5,127	3.49	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	6	1,808	5,485	358	7	24	8	5.05	8.38	1.72	10.10
83	do.	1,470	5,044	3.43	Nov. 16 to Nov. 21	6	1,749	5,435	391	8	27	11	4.47	7.45	1.39	8.84
84	do.	1,280	4,211	3.29	Nov. 17 to Nov. 22	6	1,549	4,498	287	7	22	7	5.40	8.87	1.43	10.30
85	do.	896	3,281	3.66	Nov. 16 to Nov. 24	9	1,595	3,523	242	7	27	3	6.59	10.48	1.81	12.29
86	do.	660	2,215	3.36	Nov. 17 to Nov. 24	8	1,049	2,344	129	6	20	2	8.13	12.95	2.05	15.00
87	do.	1,270	4,570	3.60	Nov. 19 to Nov. 25	7	1,816	4,866	296	7	23	11	6.14	9.44	1.33	10.77
88	do.	1,070	3,590	3.36	Nov. 22 to Nov. 28	7	1,616	3,861	271	8	25	5	5.96	8.89	1.38	10.27

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